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'She was only doing her duty. Who else was doing their duty? No one as far as I can see'

WPC's father accuses courts of failing her

AND MICHAEL HORSNETT

THE father of WPC Nina Mackay criticised the judicial system yesterday when it was revealed that a man arrested for killing his daughter had been given bail after being accused of assault.

Sidney Mackay, 54, a re-tired police chief superintendent said: "My argument is that it is the police not the social services or the courts who have to pick up the pieces for the failings of society. At times like these they pay the

"Her death was needless. She was only doing her duty. Who else was doing their duty? No one else as far as I can see."

Somalia-born Elsueki Mohammed Elgizouli will appear before magistrates in Stratford, east London. today charged with murder. He is single, unemployed and is understood to have been receiving medical treatment for mental problems.

He was arrested on October 14 when police were called to a suspected arson attack on a hotel in Stoke Newington. He appeared at Highbury Corner magistrates court on October 15 but, despite opposition from the police and the Crown Prosecution Service, was freed on bail by a stipendiary magistrate to live in Stratford provided he reported daily to the local police station.

He failed to report and on October 17 was arrested by police in Worthing for theft



WPC Mackay: she died after breaking down door

but was released on bail

Officers from 3 Area Territorial Support Group, a mobile back-up unit, went to zouu (or preacning bail conditions and expectthe door of his flat in Stratford, east London, to be barricaded.

WPC Mackay, 25, had been trained in the use of the ram. known as an "enforcer", just 24 hours earlier.

She was supposed to break

down the door and stand aside

took a practice swing with a hydraulic ram but found the heavy body armour cumbersome and took it off.

She then tried again but instead of being barricaded. the door flew open and sent her flying into the room. She received stab wounds to the abdomen and died two hours later in hospital. She is the first policewoman to be killed on duty since WPC Yvonne Fletcher, who was shot outside the Libyan Embassy in London in 1984.

Mr Mackay said: "Too frequently today under the guise of care in the community there are people at large who should clearly be in secure positions. The judicial system is written lawyers, run by lawyers. for lawyers to make money.

The judiciary is not accountable. Has the magistrate with allowed this man loose on the street any concept of duty or care to the community at

irge?" Mr Mackay also criticised the defence lawyers role in getting the man out on bail. "I hope they can live with their consciences because they are responsible for that man be loose on the streets."

Mr Mackay said the blame for his daughter's death did not lie with body armour. Body armour is not the be all and end all. All it does it give the police a bit more of a defence. If she had been wearing it, I do not think it would have helped her.



"I do not know what body armour she was wearing but it is important because the implication is that my daughter has been the architect of her

own death by removing Even if she had been wearing the vest it would have been highly unlikely that it would have protected her at all. And even if she had been wearing the external protection there is a high probability that it would not have protected her from the stabbing."

He said that his daughter

had confided in him that during the past year she had been frightened when she and mileagues arrested some armed criminals. "I told her

e do not run away He added: "I would like to say to the police officers who were with Nina that they should not blame themselves It was my daughter today, it will be someone else's tomorrow."

Mr Mackay, who retired after 32 years as a police officer, has one other child,

Nicholas, 29, who is also a policeman and serving with the Metropolitan Police firearms unit, tried to stop his daughter joining the police. "I ed her to do something else but she was a very

determined young lady. She had her own views." At 19, Miss Mackay went to the Metropolitan Police Training College in Hendon, north London. She was a bright girl. She did not work as hard as she could have done but she was like any other young girl,"

he added. "She liked going out with her friends and going tion called for charges in the ball lights as a matter off urgency and accused magis

Tributes to WPC Mackay were led by Tony Blair, who expressed his horror at the

"appalling and vicious crime". The Prime Windster, speaking in Edinburgh, said "Our tion called for changes in the Sir Paul Condon the Metro-bail laws as a matter of politin Pelice Commissioner, urgence and account angles added. Transcraft for circum-trates of being out of touch stanges which we are still with violence first by police, exploring and typing to under-Perhaps they therefold do a few stand, is visually stem she was night feath transfer what it is not warried her protective vest really like.

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Call for petition on Lockerbie

The Government was threatened with a nationwide petition in Scotland if it continues to block a compromise over the trial of two men suspected of the Lockerbie bombing. A spokesman for relatives said they would call on Scots to back a Libyan plan for a trial in a third country..... Page 2

Abortion plea

Cardinal Basil Hume, leader of the Roman Catholic Church in England and Wales, urged the Prime Minister to help to change the hearts and minds of those who doubt that abortion is "a great evil".....

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Blair promises to clear away EMU confusion

By Philip Webster and Jill Sherman

TONY BLAIR admitted last night that the Government had suffered a rough time over the single currency as he promised to clear up any lingering doubts today with a "definitive and detailed" statement from Gordon Brown.

Implicitly acknowledging that the Government's honeymoon had ended because of the confusion of recent weeks. Mr Blair promised that after today the British people, the business community and the rest of Europe would know where they stood.

He was speaking as the Chancellor, spending his Sunday at the Treasury, put the last touches to a Commons statement that will rule out early single currency memberhip on econemic grounds but reassure Europe that Britain is not opposed to the project in principle and will work to meet the tests he has set for entry.

He is also expected to tell business that it should pre-pare for the possibility of entry

one day.

As the Prime Minister's official spokesman admitted that the Government had "taken a knock over the way it had handled the issue. Mr Blair and the Chancellor consulted throughout the weekend over a statement that is expected to have a pro-European slant despite a decision on the single currency that will disappoint his European

colleague. Mr Brown will confirm that Britain will not enter the first wave in 1969, and make plain lengthy period of stability. leading up to the next election. during which the impact of EMU on the British economy would have to be assessed.

However, his readiness to countenance British membership after that election, and an expected promise to the rest of Europe that Britain will help to make it work, will ensure that single currency will be central to the campaign when the Government does go to the country. Mr Brown believes a referendum could happen soon after then if Labour is returned to power.

William Hague has hardened up the Tory stance, the Conservatives will oppose EMU at the next election. But in a letter to the The Times today an all-party group of pro-Europeans, in-cluding Lord Howe, the former Tory Foreign Secretary, and Roy Hattersley, the fermer Labour Deputy Leader.

herald a new campaign in-

volving business, the unions

and polincians to win over the public to a single currency. Mr Blair and Mr Brown also consulted Robin Cook, the Foreign Secretary, and John Prescott, the Deputy Prime Minister, yesterday after internal criticism that there had been inadequate discussion before Mr Brown gave his interview to The Times ten days ago in which he signalled his intention to rule out member-

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Schumacher fails to snatch Villeneuve title

Jacques Villeneuve celebrates becoming World Formula One champion in Jerez in Spain yesterday after surviving an attempt by the German Michael Schumacher to barge him into a gravel trap. The deliberate collision, later excused by the stewards as "a racing incident cost the German driver the chance of his third title when is own car

slewed into the gravel. . Michael showed his true culture and got what he deserved," said retiring champion Damon Hill, who lost the chance of the title in a similar clash with Schumacher at the Australian Grand Prix in 1994. Frank Williams, Villeneuve's employer, added: "It was Addlaide revisited. This time it was Jacques." Schomacher protested his

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innocence, to little effect.

Army to allow women soldiers on the front line

By PHILIP WEBSTER, POLITICAL EDITOR

THOUSANDS of women sol-. diers will be allowed to serve on the front line with gunners and engineers under plans to be univeiled today by the Government.

George Robertson, the Defence Secretary, will also an-nounce a study into whether women should be allowed to fight in combat roles alongside men. The moves will be seen as Mr Robertson's attempt to take Labour's modernisation campaign to the armed forces.

He is to announce that the number of jobs open to women in the Army will increase by nearly 50 per cent and that they will be able to apply for the first time to take frontline jubs. But for the time being they will not be allowed to take combat jobs as infantry, soldiers or tank crew.

Mr Robertson is to announce that all regular Army posts will be open to women, except those in the infantry. Flousehold Cavalry or Royal Armoured Corps, whose members are likely to be in face-to-face contact with an

But he is to lift the current bar on women serving in Royal Artillery, Royal Engineers or Royal Electrical and Mechanical Engineers posts that are in direct support of infantry or tanks.

This will mean that women will be able to compete for jobs such as forward radio operators, combat engineers and artillery gunners that will take them nearer to the enemy than most of their male colleagues. They will have to pass the

same rigorous physical and mental tests. At present women are not allowed ahead of the logistic support vehicles

that back up fighting units. Until now the military judgment has been that women fighting alongside men could impair the effectiveness of the armed forces. But Mr Robert-son has decided that it is time to look at that judgment again. It is expected that senior military officers will strongly oppose any moves to give

vomen fighting roles: At present only 47 per cent of Army jobs are open to women: in practice only 7,000 of the 109,000 jobs in the Army are taken by women.

"Women make up only 6.3 per cent of the Army and that should surely change," a gov-ernment source said. The source denied that Mr Robertson was taking a "politically correct" attitude. "We want positive action, not positive discrimination," the source said.

For change to occur tradi-tional attitudes will have to be beaten down, ministers admit. in 1994 Congress ordered the US Army to open up 47,000 combat-related jobs to women but currently there are only 815 women fall there.

The Army is regarded as a last bastion of opposition by equal opportunites campaign ers. In the Navy 74 per cent of posts are open to withen and in the Royal Air Force 97 per cent of jobs, nickeding that of fighter palot, can go to women. Mr Robertson will call to-

day for modern armed forces

for the modern world.

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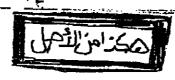
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Families back Lockerbie plan

Ministers are under pressure to accept Libyan

compromise

reports

Michael Binyon

THE Government was threatened yesterday with a nation-wide petition in Scotland if it continued to block an offer of compromise over the trial of men suspected of the Lockerbie bombing.

The spokesman for relatives of those who died in the attack issued a warning that it would call on the Scots to support acceptance of the Libyan proposal to try the suspects in a third country.

Jim Swire, who lost a daughter in the bombing, said the relatives in Britain had concluded that a trial in Scotland or America was "simply not achievable". At a press conference held to support President Mandela's call for a compromise, he said they had been given so many reasons why such a trial could not be held that they had concluded that these were transparently excuses.

President Mandela publicly called on Britain at the weekend to allow justice to be "seen to be done", and repeated claims by the Organisation of African Unity and the Arab League that this would be impossible in Scotland.

Dr Swire said that the relatives had become the playthings of lawyers and politicians. He accused the previous Government of a "monstrous



Cook: insisting on a trial in Scotland



Prime Minsters Goh Chok Tong of Singapore, left, Jean Chrétien of Canada and their counterpart, Sitiveni Rabuka of Fiji, right, enjoy their game

scenario of denial of justice". was in The Netherlands, as and implied there was a has been suggested, the Dutch would too. It would be imposdeliberate attempt to block further investigation. New evisible to have a jury trial as the dence showed that the bombproceedings could last several months, and 12 Scottish men ing was a revenge attack by Iran for the shooting down of and women could not be held a civilian airbus by the Ameriabroad for that time.

cans six months earlier. Mr Cook said on BBCI's He denied that a trial Breakfast With Frost: "I am abroad was impossible under absolutely confident that a Scottish law: only a small Scottish court would provide amendment to the Criminal an impartial trial." He said it Justice Bill was needed. He was impossible to have a called on the Government to Dutch or international jury meeting under Scottish law. listen to President Mandela After his talks with Dr and admit that previous ad-Swire, Mr Cook said the vice had been wrong. Britain Government saw a settlement had followed too long in

He was speaking just before mark over whether any trial talks with Robin Cook, the conducted abroad and without Foreign Secretary. Earlier Mr a jury could be fair. Mr Cook and Tony Blair Cook laid out Britain's opposidiscussed Lockerbie with Prestion to trying the two suspects ident Mandela on Saturday, in a third country. Such a trial and Mr Blair said the South would not be held under Scot-African leader was simply tish law and the families of the US victims would never agree. trying to find a way through Britain would have to the impasse.

America's footsteps. "To break

ranks with the world's sole

remaining superpower will be

change the law to allow a trial

to be held abroad, he said. If it

a brave but honest move."

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of the Lockerbie case as a

priority and was willing to

consider any solution. But there was a very big question

Spin doctor fails to correct a nasty slice

By JILL SHERMAN AND SHIRLEY ENGLISH

ALISTAIR Campbell failed to put the right kind of spin on matters yesterday when he took on the Old Course at St

For a start, the Prime Minister's press secretary was substituting for his boss. who had disappointed the crowds at the Sunday retreat of the Commonwealth Heads of Government Conference by failing to make an appearance on the tennis court. Holidaymakers, the press gallery and St Andrews students had to make do with Mr Campbell, who demonstrated a similar level of control over his golf as his party had done over its difficulties with the single European currency.

Mr Campbell shot a triple

bogey seven at the first hole. His second shot swerved into the Swilken Burn, from which he had to take a penalty drop. In full view of speciators at the Royal and Ancient, he chipped onto the green and three-putted.

Worse was to come on the second hole, where he sliced his tee shot, shanked his second and again took three putts. Shortly after this he cut the round short, coming back down the last three holes. The 17th hole might have

turned out better had Mr heinous crime of using his mobile phone: they are banned from the course. On the 18th, the show nearly turned to tragedy when he hit his ball into the crowd, skimming the head of a woman speciator. One golfing enthu-siast commented: "He had a swing like a caveman killing

Needless to say, Mr Campbell lost his game to his colleague, John Holmes, Mr Blair's principal private sec-retary. Later, he tried to put a bit of extra spin on his game. "I played really well," he said. On the third and sixteenth I got a par."

Almost a third of the world's leaders descended on

Blair

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ment. Other ministers were

being contacted last night and

all Cabinet members will see

the statement this morning. A senior government source said: "A lot of painful lessons

are being learnt from the events of the last few days."

Mr Blair took time out from

the Commonwealth summit in Edinburgh to say: "Rough

times come and go. We have to

deal with them but in the end

what matters is to face up to the big issues and come up with the right answers. The policy is right. It will be the right policy for Britain and it will be done on economic

He added: "People must know where they stand, our partners in Europe must

know where they stand and business must know where they stand. The statement will

be clear, definitive and de-

tailed and people will say to us in a few days that a bad press

has a small part to play for strength and stability."

The heavy stress on the

Government's decision being

taken on economic grounds

was intended clearly as fur-

ther reassurance to the mar-

kets and Europe that Labour

today by publishing a lengthy

Democrat Leader, accused the

present Government and previous Tory administration of

"cowardice" for which the country and its business "has paid a very heavy price".

currency on principle.

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grounds."

St Andrews yesterday for a few hours of relaxation before the final day of the Commonwealth summit in Edinburgh today. Delegates and their wives travelled 50 miles to the coast in a luxury train for the seven-hour retreat at the Old Course Hotel.

Although aides hauled several golf bags off the train, only a handful of the party, including the Rt Hon Jean Prime Minister, and The Hon Goh Chok Tong, Prime Minister of Singapore, took famous links.

They were joined by Fiji, Trinidad, Antigua and Gha-na. The Vice-President of Zambia, Brigadier General Godfrey Miyanda, and His Majesty Mswati III. King of Swaziland, played squash. Mr Blair, dressed casually in sports jacket and navy blue chinos, was seen briefly after lunch walking arm in arm with President Mandela in the hotel grounds and stroiling across the course with Chief Emeka Anyaoku, the Commonwealth Secretary-General. He chatted to the public on a brisk walk along West Sands beach, accompanied by a posse of security men and photographers.

Senior-Tory MP may join rival party

By PHILLIP WEBSTER POLITICAL EDITOR

THE senior Tory back-bencher Peter Temple-Morris is considering defecting from his party over William Hague's decision to fight the next election on a campaign to oppose the single currency.
Mr Temple-Morris, MP

for Leominster and one of the leading organisers on the Tory party's liberal wing, may resign in spite of apparent assurances from the whips that he would both be able to vote against his own party's line in the Commons and to campaign agains it at the election.

He was quoted widely at the weekend as saying: "I am a member of the Conservatives — at the moment."

Mr Temple-Morris has written to his local association saying that Mr Hague's new stance is contrary to his personal state-ment at the last election. If he defects he is understood to be more likely to go to Labour than the Liberal Democrats. However, he will be listening closely to Gordon Brown's statement today, hoping that it will contain a commitment to work to prepare Britain for

monetary union.
Mr Temple Morris has told friends that the prospect of being treated by the Tories as a kind of "licensed leper" at the next election fills him with dismay. He is understood to be sympathetic to substantial parts of Tony Blair's constitutional reform agenda and other

He is one of several pro-European Tories unhappy at Mr Hague's position, but he is the only one believed to be thinking of quitting.



Temple-Morris: on party's liberal wing

NEWS IN BRIEF Loyalist cat to diplomats

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Loyalist paramilitaries have threatened to kill I rish diplomats working for the Anglo-Irish secretariat unless th leave Northern Ireland by tomorrow night. The warnings were issued as a man was killed by a car bomb on a loyalist estate in what police believe may have been an internal feud. David Trimble, the Ulster Unionist leader, brushed aside dissenters at his party's annual conference to win backing for his decision to stay at the Stormont peace talks.

Exam regrades

Examination boards are to be set new targets for regrades to spare hundreds of A-level students delays that sometimes cost them a university place. After an unprecedented number of late appeals, changes will be pro-posed by Dame Elizabeth Anson, chairman of the Independent Appeals Authority.

Oueen to go live

Buckingham Palace and IIIN are in discussions for the Queen to broadcast her annual Christmas message live for the first time since 1959. The success of the Queen's live address to the nation on the eve of the Princess of Wales's funeral is said to have influenced the Christmas plan.

Rector backed

The Rev Clifford Williams. found guilty by a church court over an affair, received a strong show of support from parishioners at St Andrew's church in Benbech, North Wales, yesterday. One. Beryl Edwards, is to seek legal advice over remarks, reported in the press, by the Bishop of Bangor.

Sea cave rescue

A police diver rescued three including a 13-year-old girl. trapped overnight in a cave off Co Mayo on Ireland's west coast, but another of the boaters and an amateur diver who had tried to rescue the group died. The survivors, trapped for 20 hours, were treated for hypothermia.

Memorial jump

Bing the dog made a special parachute jump to commem-orate the first recorded descent by parachute 200 years ago — also by a dog. Bing, a stuffed and inounted alsatian cross, was strapped to Corporal Kevin Whitehouse. Bing received the Dickin Medal after jumping over Norman-dy on D-Day, 1944.



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Academic joke that grew into a legend

Exposed at last: the long-forgotten

British hero who was invented by 'professors behaving badly'

Nick Nuttall unravels the hoax

SOME men rise to greatness. some have it thrust upon them. And one was simply made up by a group of academics, whose joke got a little out of hand.

The name of Joseph Crabtree has been gaining ground for 40 years. Supposedly he was a poet, inventor and intellectual colossus who towered above other luminar-ies of the late 18th and early 19th century. The fact that this great man did not feature in any of the standard texts was apparently due to his powerful enemies suppressing the truth of his achievements.

And his achievements were many. According to a book put together by 200 academics with links to University College London, he invented the velocipede — an early primitive bicycle - well before the accepted date. He also proposed the first international system of decimilisation, invented soda water and created something known as the Sia-

Chipping Sodbury in 1754, he counted the poet Wordsworth. philosopher and poet Goethe, writer Sir Walter Scott, and the scientist William Banks among his circle. Regularly shipwrecked, well travelled and often bankrupt after an error of business judgment, he lived to be 100 and was buried in Haworth with the Brontes.

Or rather, not. For Mr Crabtree never existed. The trouble is that the academics who invented him have been developing his life story for so long at annual dinners, that they had enough material for a doorstopper of a book, which they paid to publish. It is a dense compilation of orations about Crabtree's days which they have been delivering since 1954.

Then they made their mistake. They wanted to share their private joke with a wider audience, so they tried to fool

Negley Harte, secretary of the Crabtree Foundation and historian at University



Man who never was: . portrait of Crabtree

College London, followed up a news story that a sketch of a bicycle attributed to Leonardo da Vinci was in fact a 1960s doodle. He said: "I have read with interest your piece in The Times. It seems likely you are not familiar with the light thrown on the matter in the 1992 Crabtree oration. You may, after perusing the Crabtree volume, want to make some further reference

Professor Peter Armour of Royal Holloway College, University of London, and a purported authority on Crabtree's Italian period, attributed a Leonardo bicycle

"If you read the book, you realise that there has been more research into Crabtree than in the average Phd thesis. The spoof contains just enough credibility to work," Lord McNally said. The Times was as ever on the ball" ye this was unlikely to be the last word on the myth.

was hoped that the new book

such as The Times would allow Crabtree to finally "re-ceive some public recog-

This would "bring a few

smiles to people's faces", he said. The reputation of the great man had been damaged

by him gathering a lot of

problem for the foundation. Here is this virtually forgotten

British poet and polymath who has never been fully

recognised. Yet we believe he

was a bigger genius than Leonardo da Vinci. He is a

forgotten icon of scholarship."

Lord McNally, Prime Minis-ter James Callaghan's former

press spokesman, a member

of the foundation and gradu-

ate of UCL: "It is the longest

running academic joke -- a lot

foundation, set up by the late

Sir James Sutherland, ten

years ago. Other members are

said to include Reginald

Jones, assistant Director of

Intelligence (Science) at the Air

Ministry during the Second World War, Sir Derek Rob-

erts, provost of UCL, and, er,

Desmond Lynam, the

broadcaster.

f professors behaving badly.

He was invited to join the

The truth was admitted by

Every third Tuesday in February, the foundation meets for what academics term a monumental piss-up and an annual oration. I try to keep my head down so I am not asked to do the next year's oration. You put your reput-ation on the line for wit and scholarship." he said.

Professor Armour inisisted: "He is not made up. I have to maintain this. I have spent so











SANTA'S STAMP OF APPROVAL

Santa has a cracking time on this year's Christmas stamps, pulling crackers, stuffing them down the chimney, even riding one across the night sky. The Royal Mail is taking the opportunity to celebrate 150 vears of the traditional cracker with five stamps that go on sale today. Each features Santa and the invention of a young confectioner, Tom Smith, who developed crackers as a novel way to wrap his products.

Traitor killed his lover by mistake

traitor hanged in 1945 for trying to recruit British prisoners of war into a brigade to fight the Russians, descended into alcoholism after accidentally killing his girlfriend in the middle of the war, according to a book written by a former Nazi diplomat.

Amery, the son of Leo Amery, who was Secretary of State for India during the war and one of the Prime Minister's closest confidants, spent the war in Nazi-occupied Europe railing against the Soviet Union. He was prized by the Nazis who would present him at railies as the son of one of Churchill's ministers.

He was captured in northern Italy in 1945 and returned to Britain. Along with William Joyce, who, as Lord Haw-Haw, broadcast Nazi propaganda from Berlin, he was sentenced and hanged at Wandsworth prison.

The accusation that Amery accidentally killed his girlfriend comes in a book by Reinhard Spitzy, published in West Germany in 1986, and published for the first time in this country, in English, today. It had not appeared in Britain before because many British publishers felt that the book, How We Squandered the Reich, reeked of anti-

Spitzy, who was born into an aristocratic Austrian family, moved in high social circles in Britain when he worked as an assistant to Joachim von Ribbentrop, the German ambassador sent to London by the Nazis. He became engaged to a member of a West Country landowning family, although he never

He was a member of the German delegation at the Munich conference of 1938 but claims to have become disillusioned with Hitler when he realised that the Führer was ready to engage in all-out war to fulfil his aims.

Spitzy spent the war working with the Abwehr, the German counter-intelligence unit. He disappeared to South America after the war, returning to Austria in 1957.

He ran into Amery on a train to Paris soon after the Englishman fell in with the Nazis in 1942. Spitzy describes him as "a real catch in propaganda terms ... frail, intelligent and typically Eng-lish". Amery, who had sepa-rated from his first wife, was living in France at the time with a woman who was partly gypsy. Spitzy does not give the name of the woman. He met the couple one more time, but then did not see either of them until a party at the Foreign Press Club in Berlin in early

1944, where Amery was on his own and "paralytic". Spitzy asked the guard looking after Amery why the Nazis' great propaganda tool was in such a state, and where

his friend was. The guard took Spitzy to one side and told him that Amery had "taken more and more to the bottle" and that he was "plagued by dark depressions" about the worsening war situation. The guard recounted, Spitzy

writes, that a few weeks earlier, Amery and the woman had returned after a drunken night out and, after she had asked him for a headache pill, Amery had mistakenly given her one of the poison capsules which he carried with him at all times to ensure a quick and relatively painless death in the event of his being abducted.

"When Amery woke up late the following morning and tenderly tried to rouse his beloved, believing her to be in a deep sleep, she was already dead and cold.

"Since that morning it was as if Amery's whole world had collapsed. He was no longer capable of anything and had turned totally to drink." When Amery was finally

caught by the Allies, the psychiatrists who examined him in his cell found that he was mentally ill. Dr Piers Brendon, keeper of

the Churchill Archives Centre at Churchill College, Cambridge, who has seen an advance copy of the book, said yesterday: "It is a shocking story - and came as a real surprise to me. Spitzy is an old Nazi and is highly tendentious in many respects. But I don't think he had any particular axe to grind against Amery and therefore I think the account is true."

☐ How We Squandered The Reich is published by Michael Russell, £19.95.



Amery: story told in former Nazi's book

Motorists should be tested every few years, say MEPs

A GROUP of Euro-MPs has proposed that all motorists be the result of human error. To forced to retake their driving

The young Joseph Crabtree and the bicycle that he invented ahead of its time-his life and work were originally said to have been suppressed by his enemies

The MEPs believe that the refresher tests would help to save some of the 45,000 lives lost on roads in the European

Union each year.

Mark Watts, a Labour member of the European Parliament's transport committee, which came up with the idea, said: "It does seem strange that you can be granted a licence of up to 50 years to drive a vehicle which can kill, regardless of your standard of

test every five or ten years.

driving: Most accidents are forget all about it later. Retests the result of human error. To might at least help them to save lives we must take tough

Members of the committee are concerned about the upsurge of "road rage" offences and believe that retests could be used to identify and ban-

aggressive drivers.

Their proposal was wel-Accidents. He said: "Ideally, we need a test which would spot the people who train to 'perform' on the day and then

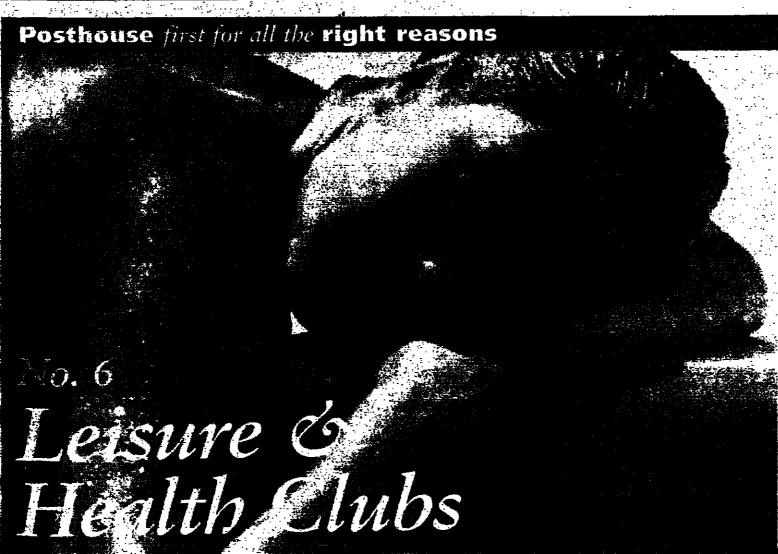
correct bad habits which have built up over the years." But Rebecca Rees of the AA

said implementation of the plan would be a bureaucratic nightmare, requiring 25 million retests a year. She said: "It's not really addressing the people who cause the majority comed by Dave Rogers, road of road accidents, who are safety adviser at the Royal youngsters. Most drivers in Society for the Prevention of the UK are safe drivers. To make everybody take a driving test every ten years would have no real safety benefit."

Neil Kinnock, the Transport

Commissioner, is keen to improve road safety and has called for a reduction in Britain's drink-driving limit. But when asked about the driving test proposal, a spokesman for Mr Kinnock said: This is a matter for individual member

The Department of Transport and the Environment said that it had no plans to introduce regular retests. Recent changes in the law in Britain mean that drivers face a retest if they accumulate six penalty points within two years of gaining their licence.



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Doctor says video surveillance may be only way of investigating families, reports Mark Henderson

suffers an unexplained serious illness should be closely moniabuse, according to research published today by doctors who videotaped suspected abusers with their children. The study, led by the cot death expert Professor David Southall of the North Staffordshire Hospital in Stoke-on-Trent, found that babies who mysteriously fell ill or died from sudden infant death syndrome (Sids) were some-

one child dies in a cot death or

rimes the victims of sadistic violence by parents who did not fit the classic profile of a child abuser and evaded detection by doctors and social Of 39 suspected abusers filmed after their children were admitted to hospital,

usually with breathing difficulties. 34 tried to harm their children when left alone. Five later admitted killing siblings of the children previously thought to have died of natu-Four mothers admitted suf-

focating eight babies thought to have died of Sids and another confessed to poison-The child's death had been attributed to gastro-enteritis. The deaths of three other

siblings thought to have died of Sids are being investigated and 34 parents have been convicted of offences ranging from assault to murder. All but one of the children were taken into care.

Parents were filmed trying to suffocate their children or poison them with disinfecrants. One mother deliberately broke her three-month-old daughter's arm moments after being left alone and another down her son's throat before

trying to poison him. The report emphasised that such abuse often went underected because it was "inflicted.

by severely disturbed, deceitful but plausible parents" who convinced social workers and doctors they were not a threat to their children.

Many of the abusers are thought to suffer from Munchausen's syndrome by proxy, a psychiatric disorder whose victims inflict injury on others to draw attention to themselves. The nurse Beverly Allitt, who murdered four children in her care at Grantham and Kesteven General Hospital, suffered from the disorder

Dr Keith Prowse, medical director of the North Staffordshire Hospital Trust, said the research showed child abuse was probably underestimated as a cause of cot death. "Many

Southall: accused of

trying to entrap parents

when you see multiple cot

deaths or near misses in a

family you have to ask the

question," he said yesterday.

claim to be caring and in fact

tic abuse which can be very

difficult to detect. The children

do not end up black and blue

Colin Moriey, a consultant paediatrician at Adden-brooke's Hospital in Cam-bridge, said: "If you suspected cot deaths are natural but a man of sexually abusing a child you would not put him in a room alone with the girl and see what happened. Some of these children could have been protected earlier." A spokesman for the North Staffordshire Hospital said

parents were always monitored by two observers while alone with children and that a nurse would enter the child's room and police would be informed if an assault took The report will be published

Professor Southall recom-

mends covert video surveillance as the only effective way

of investigating families in

which there have been suspi-

cious infant deaths or

Professor Southall's team

carried out the study at the

Royal Brompton Hospital in

London and the North Staffordshire Hospital between 1986 and 1994. His work has

often been controversial, with

social workers and paediatri-

cians accusing him of trying to

entrap parents, using children

as bait at considerable risk.

tomorrow at a press conference in Stoke-on-Trent, and will also appear next week in Pediatrics, the journal of the American Academy of Pediatricians.Pediatrics will apologise in the issue for a 1972 article studying the deaths of several infants in a New York family which helped to create a multimillion-dollar market for monitoring devices. The mother in the case, later confessed to killing five of her

findings indicating suspicious circumstances in a third of "near miss" Sids cases in a Massachussets hospital.



The doctor's car after it was hoisted into the air with a tractor and smashed over a 200ft drop

Grab and smash as sports car goes flying

IT WAS a doctor's new MG sports car. Yesterday it had been recovered as a mangled beap after being pushed over a 200ft cliff when a man allegedly went berserk with

A total of eight vehicles were damaged in the incident at a farm near Northcott Mouth Beach at Bude, Cornwall. Police had found the man setting fire to hay on the difftop. He turned the tracker on them. chasing squad cars across a field and crashing into vehicles left by anglers.

Dr Neil Owen, of St Law rence's psychiatric hospital at Bodmin, and a social worker tried to reason with the 34-year-old man, but he with front-leading spikes to grab the MG in the air and ip it over the diffs.

The man, an ancou farmer's son, was finally subdued with CS gas. A police spokesman said he had been detained under the Mental Health Act. An uncle of the man said:"He is a nice enough lad, but he suddenly he gets into these terrible fits

Drugs advice 'will cost millions'

HEALTH authorities struggling to make ends meet say they have been given advice by an NHS committee that could add hundreds of millions of pounds to their bills.

If fully implemented, the Standing Medical Advisory Committee's advice on prescribing "statins", cholesterollowering drugs, issued in August, would cost £800 million a year. No additional money has been made available. The potential cost is far greater than the £300 million recently extracted from the Treasury by Frank Dobson, the Health Secretary, to help

the NHS to survive the winter. Health authorities say the advice threatens their attempts to control soaring drug costs. "It was neither timely, effective, nor desirable," Mike Marchment, chief executive of Warwickshire Health Authority, said. The committee didn't do a proper analysis. failed to present the evidence and jeopardised the treatment of high-risk patients who really get the greatest

benefits from these drugs. The committee recommends pre-

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GPs say NHS committee's recommendations

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moves to control costs. Nigel Hawkes reports

scribing the drugs to one in 12 of the population between the ages of 35 and - roughly 1.7 million people. The cost depends on which of the five statins available is prescribed. The most expensive, Pravastatin, made by Squibb, costs nearly £750 a year per patient at the highest dose rate.

Mr Marchment and colleagues wrote in the British Medical Journal earlier this month that following the advice, using the cheaper Simvastatin made by Merck, Sharp and Dohme, would cost the authority £8 million a our patients represent I per cent of the whole population. So guessing a total of £300 million for the whole country

would not be far out." Nick Freemantle, of the Centre for Health Economics at York University, said that the drug itself was not unreasonably expensive, but the huge numbers targeted by the advice mean that overall costs were high "in patients with angina and an elevated cholesterol level, or those who have had a heart attack, the benefits are

good. For every 150 patients treated for one year, one death will be avoided." But the benefits are far less clear-cut and may not even exist, he said, for those at lower risk, whom the committee also recommends should be treated. It is very important that the high-risk group should be on these drugs," he said... The danger is that they will get lost in the drive to treat a much larger group where the benefits aren't clear."

Mr Freemantle says that this is not a make this clear.

sensible way to carry out health policy. We had doctors with their heads in their hands," he says. They had been desperately trying to get the drug budget into balance when along came this advice and wrecked their efforts."

Dr Peter Enoch, a GP from Ilkeston, Deryshire, who chairs the committee, said he was "aggrieved" at the criticism, as his group's intention was not to encourage but to limit the prescrib-ing of statins. We were concerned that statins were likely to take off at an alarming rate, with little advice avail-able to counter that of the drugcompanies. We were trying to discour-age them from being used indiscrimi-nately. Our advice is that if the funds are available, then this is the way to go about using the drugs.

"GPs should try other things first diet, exercise, stopping smoking - and if that fails, then we outline three priority groups who should get the drugs." Dr Enoch suggests that the committee's critics have failed to read the accompanying documents, which

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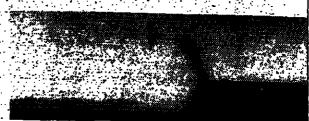
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Policewoman took off vest to do job better

WPC Mackay knew the risks of the emergency call,

report Michael Horsnell and Stewart Tendler

WPC NINA MACKAY knew she was facing danger as she and her colleagues swung into Arthingworth Road in Strat-ford, East London, in their shielded personnel carrier. They were there to raid a flat occupied by a man in breach of his bail conditions.

The territorial support unit, equipped with body armour, CS gas spray and riot shields, is called in when officers need the back-up of specialist teams used to operating in danger-

At 8.20pm on Friday uni-formed police called for assistance from 3 Area territorial support group in Bow. WPC Mackay had been attached to the unit for a year. The previous day she had completed training in the use of a hand-held hydraulic ram used to smash down doors during raids on the homes of

The units operate a policy of complete equality and women discouraged to join teams that

WPC Mackay's team arrived ing outside the flat shortly after 8.30pm. Wearing heavy body armour, crash helmets

perative

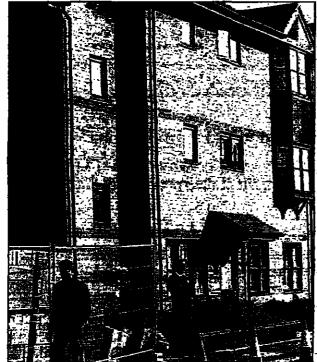
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ed from duty over "serious" allegations of misconduct has been ordered to stay tigation is completed. Francis Wilkinson, 50, who

heads the Gwent force in South Wales, is at the centre of complaints over the handling of a £40 speeding ticket issued to a local county councillor and the awarding of contracts. The allegations against him were made by his deputy and an assistant chief con-

they moved to the front door of the flat. At 9.05pm WPC Mackay, wearing goggles and thick gloves, began to operate the hydraulic ram, known as the Enforcer. But because her body armour prevented her getting a good swing on the ram, she stopped for a moment and removed it.

Within minutes of resuming her work, the door to the flat



next is unclear, but normally the ram operator stands aside to allow other officers to rush forward and detain the suspect. However, the ram operator can be in danger if the ram knocks the door flat, allowing a suspect to rush forward and strike an officer.

As the door was smashed open, WPC Mackay received stab wounds in the abdomen. She collapsed on the floor and the suspect others gave her

They carried her to a nearby police car which took her to Newham General Hospital where surgeons fought for more than an hour to save her life before she died at 10.25pm.

In Arthington Street, floral tributes to the murdered policewoman built up throughout the weekend. Locals said that Magdi Elgizouli, the 30-year-old Somalian immigrant charged with her murder, was frequently seen in the area carrying bottles of alcohol. Melodie Dunbar, 28, who

lives almost opposite, the flat where WPC Mackay was stabbed, said: He was always walking past drunk. On one occasion he had to get a worker at a building site next to where he was staying to retrieve a bottle of brandy that he had somehow left there. Another night he was standing outside the flat unable to get in for about four hours, banging on the door, and someone downstairs threw something at him."

The Guinness Trust building where the suspect was staying with a friend is run by Newham Health Authority for people with disabilities hoping

o reintegrate into society. were angered and alarmed at floor flats above accommodation for severely handicapped people requiring 24-hour attention and opposite homes for elderly people requiring

Mike Cohen, chief executive of the Guinness Trust, said checks were in place to monitor tenants behaviour and their guests. He said that the health authority aimed to give dence as possible because of the nature of the project.



Officers raiding suspects' homes need protection that is not too bulky to stop them working quickly and effectively, says the Police Federation

Forces search for wearable armour that can turn knife and stop bullets

THE death of Nina Mackay highlights the difficulty the police have had in providing officers with flexible and comfortable body armour.

Many forces have heavyduty armour that can be worn at specific incidents including sieges but the Police Federation has been demanding equipment that can be worn by officers throughout an eight-hour shift.

As a member of a Territorial Support Squad, a frontline group of officers who support colleagues on dangerous oper-ations, she would have had access to heavy-duty body form. Her unit would also have been equipped with Nato helmets, shields and CS spray. Officers have complained that the armour weighs too much, is cumbersome and restricts their ability to move

quickly in dangerous situations. There are two different types of armour. One provides protection against knives, righs about ten pounds and is highly rigid. Another provides protection against both **MEMORIES OF EMBASSY VICTIM**

The family of the murdered WPC Yvonne Fletcher, right, who was gunned down outside the Libyan Embassy in London in 1984, said they planned to write a letter of sympathy to the family of WPC Mackay.

said: "When I first heard the news, I was struck by co-

mould. It is very sad and devastating for the family.

bullets and knives and is slightly more flexible. It was not clear yesterday

which bit of heavy body armoor WPC Mackay was wearing when she arrived at the flat in Stratford, east London. Members of the doubt that she had removed it because it would have been too cumbersome for her to operate the ram effectively. Mike Bengoing through." WPC Fletcher was killed by a burst of automatic gunfire when on crowd control at a protest outside the Libyan Mrs Fletcher was speaking from her home in the

village of Semley on the Wiltshire border with Dorset. With her husband, Tim, also 64, she attended morning service at St Catherine's at nearby Sedgehill, where the Rev Peter Ridley spoke of WPC Mackay and asked for supporting prayers for police officers throughout

nett, chairman of the Metropolitan Police Federation, said last night: "Wearing heavy armour and trying to operate this kind of equipment, especially in confined spaces, is

> in an attempt to meet officers' complaints about the weight of the heavy armour and their reluctance to wear it over uniforms, police forces

very difficult. It restricts an

Holland, weighs 3lb and costs £200 but it is not compulsory for officers to wear it. The vest is is made of ceramic plating and layer upon layer of a specially-designed material called Kevlar, developed by Lycra manufacturers DuPont.

The Metvest is designed to protect against knife thrusts equivalent to a blade travelling at up to 6 metres a second and offers protection against ammunition from revolvers and automatic handguns.It protects an officer's entire chest and back against attack.

Metvest, manufactured in

Although more flexible than heavy armour, officers have complained that it makes them sweat heavily, and first batch prepared for women was found to have a design fault in the stitching around the bust. The fault meant that the vest did not provide full protection from a knife attack and Scotland Yard is to start exchanging them on November 3.

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A flow of good ideas.

Sale uncovers Boleyn book

Dalya Alberge on a poignant inscription left by the doomed love of Henry VIII

A BOOK of hours, signed and inscribed by Anne Boleyn, has been discovered among a collection of books the owner wanted valued to see if they were worth

selling.

The book, containing the prayers and offices of the canonical hours, dates from the 15th century. Anne is believed to have written in it in the 1520s. when King Henry VIII was courting her and trying to divorce Catherine of Aragon.

Kay Sutton, manuscript consultant to Christie's book depart-

ment, said that when she was shown the book, "I had to sit down It's not been known before. One of Christie's clients in Europe asked us to value some books with a view to whether they were sufficiently interesting to offer for sale. They hadn't realised the significance of this one. When we saw it we

were bowled over."

She added: "While it is not unusual to find ownership notes or inscriptions in personal prayerbooks, it would be hard to find one more poignant than the words written by Anne Boleyn beneath the miniature of the



The inscription and signature of Anne Boleyn on the page depicting the Last Judgment

to judge the dead arising from the ground, she wrote: "Letemps viendra" - the time will

Ms Sutton said: "Who knows what she meant by that? But it's one of these things you find your mind running away with." She believes it was written before Anne married, after her period in France, "Anne was fluent in French. Some of the love letters

age of Christ on a rainbow ready * were in French. One is tempted to think that this was not just a pious reminder of her eventual death, since this was the period when Henry was pursuing her and trying to divorce Catherine of Aragon. It was during this period when, as a 'fresh young damsel', her wit and grace first beguiled the King."

The manuscript is expected to

fetch around £300,000 on November 26. Although Anne's

books of hours, those examples pale against this one. Ms Sutton said: "Another is a printed book in Hever Castle, her family home in Kent, where she signed her name. But it had been clipped by a careless binder, so the signature isn't intact in the way it is here.

"In the British Library is a book of hours which she signed in one margin and Henry VIII in another. But, presumably

removed and attempts made to erase her inscription from the page. This manuscript is the only book known where her personal annotation survives

The manuscript is a particularly lavish example. It was made in Bruges for an English owner during the middle of the 15th century, perhaps by the group known only as the Mas-ters of the Gold Scroll. Devotional texts are accompanied by

jewels of miniatures.

"The book is likely to have been in England for many years before Anne wrote in it," Ms Sutton said. "It remained there for others after the set consultance of for at least several decades after her death."

The book was later owned by George, Lord Cobham, one of the peers who tried Anne in 1536 and found her guilty of adultery on May 19: a day later, Henry was betrothed to Jane Seymour. How the book found its way into Lord Cobham's possession is unclear. It also bears the inscription of Elisabeth Seymour, who is thought to have been related



Shops fail to take stock of ethical trading

By KATHRYN KNIGHT

SUPERMARKETS have done little to fulfil a promise to ensure they are trading ethically, despite drawing up guidelines, a report by Chris-

While many of the leading ten chains, which have a combined annual turnover of £52 billion, have agreed to a set of principles aimed at avoiding exploitation of Third World workers, most have not implemented any policies. The worst offender, the charity claims, is Marks & Spencer, which has refused to have anything to do with the campaign. Tesco, Sainsbury and Safeway have made the best start to the ethical challenge. Last year the charity chal-

policies were making a difference overseas, the report says. Ethical Trading initiative to look at the conditions of workers overseas. Marks & Spencer, Morrisons and Somerfield, however, all declined to take part in the survey, saying they had their own standards. Andrew Sims, for Christian Aid, said it was time to put theory into practice. "There is definitely a move forward and it shows that consumers can make a difference but all the supermarkets have yet to face the challenge of turning words into real improvements for

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Au pair faces her toughest day in court

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LOUISE WOODWARD, the 19-year-old British au pair charged with murdering a baby in her care, can today expect the most gruelling hours of her trial when the prosecution subjects her to its

The trial is expected to conclude today, with the prosecutor, Gerard Leone, asking Miss Woodward: did she shake, slam or in any way harm eight-month-old Matthew Eappen? In response to questions last week from Andrew Good, her defence attorney. Miss Woodward, from Cheshire, has denied that she ever treated Matthew violently. After her kindly treatment by Mr Good, Mr Leone is expected to go for the jugular.

The jury will hear concluding arguments from the prosecution and the defence, before receiving instructions from Judge Hiller B. Zobel. A verdict could come as early as tomorrow morning.

Public opinion in the Boston area, previously hostile to Miss Woodward, has swung behind her. As the trial began, "She did it" was the common refrain. After Miss Wood-ward's initial testimony, which was powerful and moving - these certainties have undergone a seismic shift.

A young woman in a bar summed up the view of many: "I feel pretty ashamed of myself. I'm a philosophy student and I've got to question the way I bayed with crowd." A research student from Canada who had watched Miss Woodward testify said her opinion had swung from an assumption of guilt to questioning how such a charge could have been

many doubts." There is embarrassment that an American town might have ganged up unfairly on a callow girl from Britain. "She would have been lynched around here," said a barman. A customer muttered that everyone had been "wrong about that kid". There is, of course. also great sympathy for the other "kid" - the dead child.

brought. "There are just so



Fighting on the beaches: Campbell Voullaire at the point where the sea stormed ashore. English Nature has abandoned the beachhead

The day the tide came in to stay

Nature chiefs who abandoned flooded land have met

a storm of disapproval, Simon de Bruxelles reports

THE retreat has been sounded over a little bit of England after the forces of authority decided not to light the force of nature. The decision to allow the sea to invade ancient pastures has

outraged a tiny community.

For centuries, the people of Porlock have maintained a long shingle bank which acts as a natural barrier on the north Cornish coast. When a gap formed, they plugged it to prevent the salt water destroying low-lying fields. In 1990, the area was designated as a site of special scientific interest; its unique collection of flora and fauna includes more than 40 species of spider.

Then the village, which featured in Lorna Doone, was struck by disaster last year. One of the most violent storms to hit the Bristol Channel this century

breached the bank, allowing the sea to inundate fields beyond. A permanent lagoon formed and the rare plants and reed beds died in the saline waters. Local residents expected that approval of works to restore the shingle bank would be a formality.

Instead, English Nature and the Environment Agency have said that nature should be allowed to take its course. The coastal path has been diverted inland and an 18thcentury system of cuiverts, which kept out the sea but allowed fresh water to drain away, has been partially demolished. English Nature hopes the sea will create a salt marsh which will attract many species of birds.

Porlock's residents include the novelist Margaret Drabble and her husband, the biographer Michael -Holroyd. Opponents of the

retreat are being led into battle by a former RAF staff officer. Every day Campbell Voullaire, 76, surveys the shingle bank through his Zeiss field glasses. "In the past six weeks alone the breach has enlarged considerably," he said. "The shingle lies on a layer of clay and each time the tide retreats, the water rushes out like a miniature Niagara, scouring

a larger hole. We have been pressing for year to have it restored. Each week that passes means the bill will be bigger and the task more difficult. The trouble is that quangos like English Nature are not It is very un-British that unelected officials should be allowed to decide what happens to our countryside."

Joan Loraine, owner of

Greencombe, one of Somer-

looked out from her hillside flanking the Bristol Channel. She said: "It was such a

English Nature admitted that the outcome of the managed retreat" was imssible to predict. It could leave nothing but mudilats between the high and low

water marks∴as elsewhere along the coast. Mike Edgington, the conservation officer responsible for Porlock, said: "In philosophical terms, this is one of the bardest decisions we have had to make. Usually our job is fairly clear: it is to preserve what is already there. But coastal systems are not static and we hope that nature will replace what we have with comething better.

"The ridge had been patched up for many years but, from the point of view of After a similar breach was repaired in 1990, officers agreed that sooner or later the sea was going have its way unless a large amount of money was spent, and that no further steps should be taken to st made our judgment. We don't know what will happen. Some experts even believe the ridge may well Some experts even reform a little behind its present position.

Rail crash lawyers claim compensation for all

LAWYERS acting for victims of last month's Southall train crash are demanding compensation for all passengers on the train.

More than 100 claims for compensation are expected to be filed after the crash, in which seven people died. The

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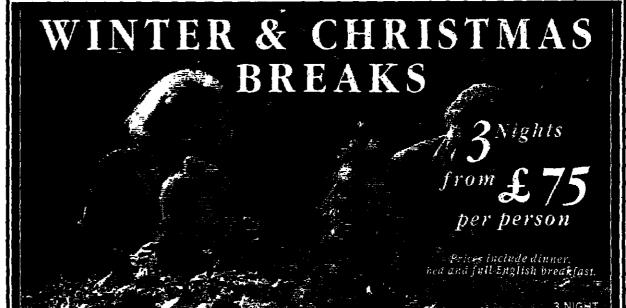
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Blair urged to spell out 'great evil of abortion'

By Ian Murray, Ruth Gledhill and Mark Henderson

ster urged the Prime Minister yesterday to help to change the hearts and minds of those who doubt that abortion is "a great

Cardinal Basil Hume, leader of the Roman Catholic Church in England and Wales, particularly criticised sections of the Labour Party, for being pro-abortion. He spoke out after joining one of 78 human chains formed to protest on the eve of the 30th anniversary of the Abortion

of integrity, you are an honest man, and you see things dearly, Cardinal Hume said. "I would have thought you should give leadership within your party, and try to convince them that abortion is wrong

and that we ought; as a nation, to do something about it."

Referring to the defenders of abortion in the Labour Party. Cardinal Hume said: I think that it is generally agreed that we can't expect very much from this particular Parlia-ment and I think that is very

HOW THE LAW HAS EVOLVED

■ 1861: Offences Against the Person Act makes it illegal induce an abortion. ■ 1936: the Abortion Law Reform Association is formed with the goal of changing the law to allow doctors to perform safe abortions.

■ 1938: Dr Aleck Bourne is acquitted after inviting police to prosecute him for abortion on a 14-year-old rape victim. This establishes case law allowing abortions to protect a patient's health. 1966: MP David Steel introduces a Private Member's Bill to legalise abortion if two doctors agree

pregnancy would put a mother's health at risk, or if there is a serious risk of handicap to the child. ■ 1967: the Abortion Act becomes law. 1968: the Act comes into effect on April 27. ■ 1974: the Lane Committee is set up to the review the Act. It suggests an upper limit of 24 weeks.

■ 1990: Human Fertilization and Embryology Act

confirms upper time limit of 24 weeks in law.

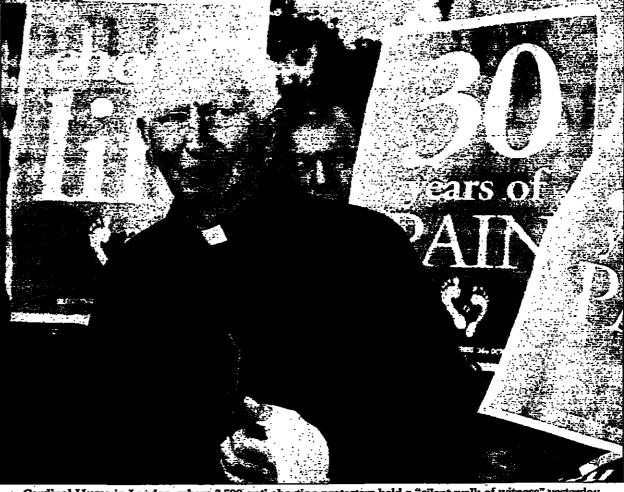
Blair would be You are a man sad. Abortion is wrong, whether it's done in the backstreet or in a clinic.

The point of the debate i different to decide at which moment human life begins. I'm quite convinced, as many people are, that at the moment of conception there is human life. It is given as an axiom that you must never take innocent human life."

Nevertheless, he said he did not think it possible to get the Abortion Act repealed as the present Parliament was very pro-abortion. "We have to work to change minds and hearts so people come to realise that abortion is a great evil, just as it was very slowly people came to realise that slavery was a great evil. Slavery was generally accept-ed. Now no one would want to go back to it.*

In a pastoral letter, read out at all masses in the Westminster diocese, the cardinal said: "It is a grave scandal that since 1967 nearly five million abortions have taken place. As a nation we should all hang our heads in shame."

The new intake of MPs is being lobbied hard by campaigners both for and against abortion to find someone prepared to bring in a Private Member's Bill to change the



Cardinal Hume in London, where 3,500 anti-abortion protesters held a "silent walk of witness" yesterday

tionists: want the Act repealed: Those in favour want it to be widened to allow abortion on demand and they want the operation available everywhere under the National

More than 177,000 abortions were carried out in England and Wales last year. equivalent to 13 for every 1,000 women. The Brook Advisory Centres, which offer sex advice to young people, estimate that 10 per cent of teenage girls

Health Service.

have a termination before the age of 20. The Abortion Law Reform Society believes that one woman in four has one at some stage in her life.

Jack Scarisbrick, chairman of the anti-abortion charity Life, said the Act was responsible for the "utter degeneration of society" through the "throwaway attitude" to life it had engendered.

The anti-abortion movement was given a boost by a

lished yesterday in the Sunday Telegraph, showing that six out of ten women want the time limit for abortions to be cut from 24 weeks of pregnancy to ten. The poll was mainly conducted before the Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists claimed that a

More than half of those surveyed, and 59 per cent of women, were in favour of a

pain from 26 weeks.

foetus might be able to feel

limit to ten weeks. While 68 per cent of women and 57 per cent of men believed that abortion should be allowed "in particular circumstances", only 21 per cent of women wanted abortion on demand.

A spokeswoman for the Abortion Law Reform Society said she was surprised by the poli findings. "All the current polls we have seen show at least 80 per cent support for abortion right across the

McAleese heads for tarnished triumph in Dublin

BY MARTIN FLETCHER AND AUDREY MAGEE

MARY McALEESE looks set to become Ireland's first northern president on Thursday, but it will be a joyless

The election has been one of the most poisonous in the Republic's history and Dr McAleese's hopes of "building bridges" to Ulster Unionists have been reduced to rubble.

Weekend polls for two Dublin newspapers gave Dr McAleese, the ruling Fianna Fail party's candidate, leads of 13 and 9 per cent over Fine Gael's Mary Banotti, despite the recent furore over her alleged Sinn Fein sympathies. The other three candidates the singer Dana (Rosemary Brown), Labour's Adi Roche and the mayerick independent Derek Nally - trailed far behind.

Dana's effort will almost certainly end in defeat on Thursday, but her campaign has not been futile. She alone among the candidates has expressed forthright views and she has tweaked more than a few a Roman Catholic consciences. The 46-year-old singer has rallied those who oppose the Dublin "liberal agenda" that has brought divorce, contraception, homosexuality and abortion (in very restricted circumstances) to this most Catholic of European countries.

This was supposed to be a non-political election, but that all changed with the leaking of three Department of Foreign Affairs documents suggesting that Dr McAleese, a Catholic nationalist from Belfast, supported Sinn Fein.

Dr McAleese issued strong denials and weathered the storm - she appears actually to have gained support as a victim of dirty tricks - but the longer term damage is substantial. "Building Bridges" was her campaign slogan, but she could well prove the most divisive of Ireland's eight pres

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Opponents of 30 years ago believe they were right

By MARK HENDERSON

THE leading parliamentary campaigners for and against the 1967 Abortion Act still believe they were right 30 years ago and point to developments since the Act to back

David Steel, now Lord Steel of Aikwood, the Liberal MP who introduced the Private Member's Bill in March 1966, said yesterday that he thought the Act remained the most balanced piece of abortion legislation in Europe. "The law as it stands strikes a balance between the right of the feetus to life and of the woman to abundant life," he said.

You will find critics on both sides of the law wanting to make it easier or harder to get an abortion but my advice would be to leave well alone."

He said the Act had removed "the scourge of criminal abortions and self-induced abortions" and statistics indicated that Britain had a relatively low rate of abortion.

"Critics who point to five million abortions saying it is too many never note that our rate is lower than Roman Catholic France, where there is a woman's right to choose until 12 weeks, and half that of the

USA; where it is a far more controversial issue."

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He said the Bill, which was the seventh attempt to reform the abortion law, had been passed only because of an abnormally long parliamentary session after the 1966 general election.

The Roman Catholic Conservative MP Norman St John-Stevas, now Lord St John of Fawsley, said

he had organised opposition to the legislation in Parliament after an encounter with Enoch Powell.

"I remember the second reading was passed very comfortably by nearly 200 votes and as I was going through the no lobby Enoch Powell turned to me and said, 'Where are the Romans?" " he said.

"So it fell to me to organise the Romans, and later in the year the

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effect on society. "I felt it would lead to abortion on demand and I think developments have shown these fears were entire-

said the Act had fulfilled his fears at

the time and had had a damaging

ly justified. If anything I feel more strongly about it now than I did then. All the things we prophesied about abortion have come true."



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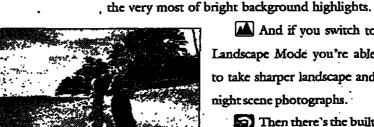
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Lords debate end of the peer show

Historic ceremonies need cutting, says Labour, but the traditionalists

will today challenge the motives

for change. James Landale reports

the ermined pageantry of the House of Lords faces a trimming, as peers are urged to overhaul the 370-year-old introduction ceremony for new

Lord Richard, leader of the Government in the Lords, will ny takes up too much time and has become outdated. A chief target is the practice of new peers having to sit, stand, doff their hats, bow, and sit three times in succession.

The ceremony takes place at the beginning of parliamentary business at 2.30pm, and



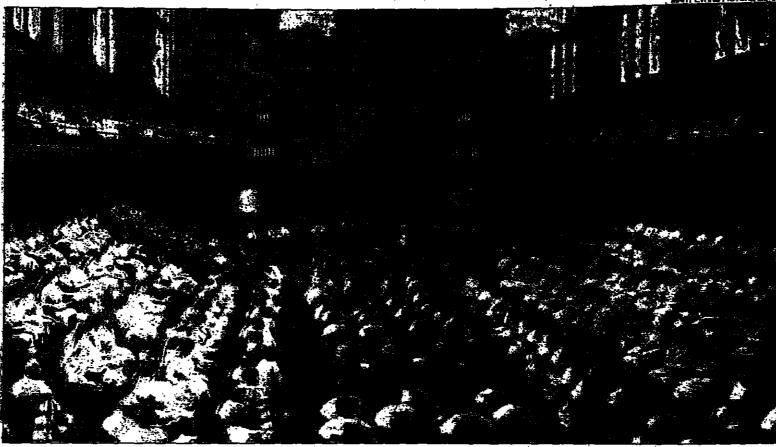
FOR some it is sublime, for depending on the age and others it is ridiculous. Today agility of the peer. A logjam of more than 50 new peers waiting to enter the Lords is forcing officials to breach convention and introduce more than two a day.

However, some Tory peers are accusing the Government of trying to streamline the ceremony to pave the way for a massive influx of new Labour life peers, under wider reforms of the Lords. Some traditionalists oppose any

Lord Richard, who represents the Lords in the Cabinet, will formally move "an humble address" to the Queen asking permission for the Lords to consider changes. Technically, the Queen still appoints peers and has to be consulted. With her permission, detailed proposals could be put before the House early

Much of the ceremonial was invented by James I to give dignity to what had become a rather unseemly process after he handed out a large number of peerages for cash. A new member is led in by Black Rod, the administrative head in the Lords, who wears black breeches and tights and polished patent leather buckled shoes and carries a stick. He is followed by Garter King of Arms, a royal official, who wears an heraldic tabard.

The new peer, accompanied by his two sponsors, hands his Writ of Summons to the Lord



Full House: peers in regalia at the 1912 State Opening of Parliament. There are more than 50 new peers awaiting admission this year.

the peer's "Patent", a formal letter from the Queen. A Lords' clerk then reads out the writ and patent in full, and the peer swears the oath of allegiance and signs the Roll of the Lords.

After a quick tour of the chamber, Garter leads the new peer and his sponsors to his seat. Three times, they sit. stand, doff their hats and bow to the Lord Chancellor and sit down again. Garter whispers the commands. All five people then process out of the chamber. On his way out, the new

lor's hand, at which point peers cry: "Hear, hear". Lord Richard's personal view is that the hat-doffing ceremony and one of the readings could be dropped.

He says: "I suspect that many

ceremony embarrassing. The length of the ceremony, and the limitation on numbers introduced each day, means that new peers often have to wait months before taking up their seats. We need a dignified ceremony with real

needs of a modern legislature.' Lord Denham, the former Tory chief whip in the Lords who led a campaign against changes in the 1970s, will

again voice caution. He says: "New peers enjoy it because it House of Lords. Tradition and colour are rather nice." Lord St John of Fawsley, the

former Leader of the Commons, believes that some of the ceremony should be modernised: The taking of one's seat in the Lords is a tion. It should be solemn and impressive, but it could be shortened with advantage." The hat-doffing, he said, was 'rather absurd".

Lord Hailsham of Marylebone, the former Lord Chancellor, says: "They should leave the ceremony well alone. I personally rather like the introduction because you get an opportunity to see the new peers. But at my age you don't really remember them even if you have seen them."

Until the death of Henry V, the monarch created peerages handing over sword, cap and coronet. By the time of James I, the ceremony took place in private investitures in a royal nalace. James was notorious for flooding the Lords with new peers, many of whom had paid for their titles. He sold 37

Such was the public outrage, in 1621 James was embarrassed into creating the procedures which have remained broadly intact until now. Most important for the King; the new ceremony re-

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MPs return to a busy schedule in revamped House

By James Landale

MPs RETURN to Westminster today to begin a packed parliamentary schedule that includes three byelections, a series of major government Bills and a controversial debate on hunting.

revamped Palace of Westminster with ladies' lavatories in the voting obbies and a unisex hair salon in place of the previous barber's shop.

month holiday. MPs will spend only four days at Westminster this week. taking Friday off to spend the day in their constituencies. The first big event will be Gordon Brown's statement to MPs today to clear up the confusion over the Government's policy on joining a single

But the focus will soon shift to the Beckenham by-election, prompted by Piers Merchant's resignation over his affair with an 18-year-old researcher. There is growing speculation that one of the former Tory ministers who lost their seats in May, such as Michael Portillo or Malcolm Rifkind, will stand.

The writ for Beckenham has not yet been moved but the Tories are expected to fix a date this week. Party sources said they had not have to go to the polls again after the High Court's decision to annul the

ballot paper irregularities. A third by-election will take place on November 6 in Paisley, where the Labour general election victor, Gordon McMaster, committed suicide.

This autumn there will be no general election result because of

instead give pointers to the Chancellor's actual Budget in the spring.

traditional State Opening of Parlianame, the document refers not to

MPs will be lobbied hard before the second reading debate on November 28 of a Private Member's Bill aimed at banning hunting with hounds. Although all MPs are being given a free vote, Michael Foster

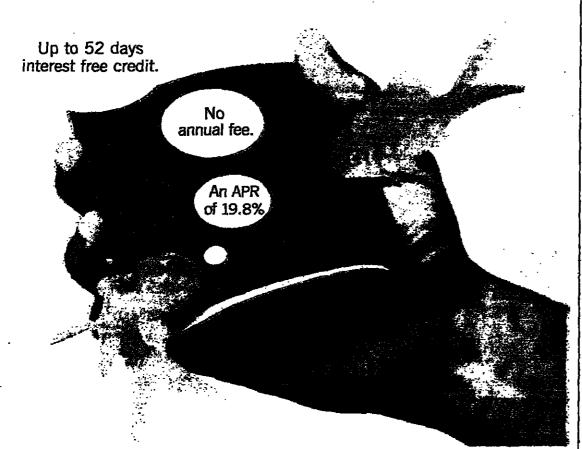
There is still a question mark over

keen to avoid any delay to the Government's main legislation. Measures expected to be put before Parliament soon include the Educatencing. Bills introducing Welsh

stages. They tried to persuade Mr

Foster not to bring the Bill and are

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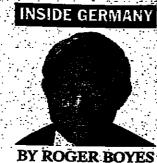
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Bonn splashdown heralds launch with shifting centre of gravity

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S paceship Bonn has been orbiting the globe for 50 years, oxygen is running short. Inside the weightiess capsule, we astro-nauts — politicians, diplo-mats, lobbyists and journalists - have sat together in clammy communion, chatter ing and idly watching the world below. Now it is time to return to Earth.

Bonn, like the burnt-out served its purpose and may soon be a museum piece. The Berlin republic looms and Germany is shifting from astro-politics, airless and remote, to gritty geopolitics.



tance struggle against Berlin which, they say, embodies the old Pruss an vices. But no

otage has been able to hold up the move. The foundaons of the foreign embassies in Berlin have been laid (usually by Irish or Polish navvies) and the Reichstag four times the size of the House of Commons - is beginning to resemble a real

parliament building.

Bonn's diplomatic appendix, Bad Godesberg, is shrivelling: the spa's only closed down as has the main furniture shop. Bonn is be-coming a husk; Berlin is full issues are prompted by this emerging Berlin republic.
The first is how far does

to within 30 miles of the Polish border change anything? The second concern: will the language of politics

Germany ruled from Bonn was obsessed with balance. In the 1980s cruise missiles were installed but only on condition that negotiations with Moscow attempted to dismantle the same weapons ym-yang, natural equilibri-um between East and West. The country when governed from Berlin may not strive in quite the same polished way for internal consistency. Imagine moving the political centre of England from London to Manchester. Policy perspectives would alter. There would obviously be a stronger focus on the problems of the North, and of

Berlin will have a similar effect. By the time that politicians are operating from Berlin, in 1999, most of the tricky decisions about European economic and monetary union will have been taken. The Franco-German axis will have survived but it will have been emptied of real significance and the sentimental ties will have loosened: Paris will be

the co-manager of the euro and the ideology of European integration will no longer figure in political discourse xcept, of course, in Britain). Instead eastward enlarge-

ment of the European Union will dominate German concerns. The Bonn approach to European expansion is to accept it as an article of faith. The Berlin republic will fight for Central Europe because it needs the region as a cushion against an unstable Russia. But there will be frictions too. attempts to extract advantage and concessions from the Poles. Czechs and Hungarians in return for the championing of their cause. The as meely mouthed as the Bonn one; German interests conventionally dressed up as part of the great European project are likely to shed their

seven veils. A taste of the future came in a recent speech delivered in London by Gerhard Schröder, the Lower Saxon Prime Minister. If he is the man to topple Helmut Kohl next year and become the first Berlin Chancellor, no one can doubt that eastward expansion will become more complicated. The Social Democrats want a European budget rebate and they want it more than the early entry of

The party wants to preserve German jobs in heavy industry, even if that means protecting some markets from the East. They want East European workers to vanish from German building sites. They want a more closed Germany. Nobody should be surprised by this or Social Democratic utterances on the need to crack down on foreign criminals and welfare spongers. Herr Kohl's rivals are merely rehearsing for the Berlin move and Spaceship Bonn's

French atomic scientist denies KGB spy link

ROSE petals sprinkled by a bridge over the Seine; orange peel left near a document drop-off point; a cigarette packet placed by traffic lights: these were the alleged tech-niques used by Francis Temperville, the French atomic scientist, to communicate with his Russian spymasters in what prosecutors describe as the most damaging espionage scandal in France since

the Second World War. This week M Temperville, 40, will be brought back to a special court without jurors to face charges of treason for allegedly selling top-secret documents to the KGB be-tween 1989 and 1990, including details of the French nuclear strike force and the nuclear test site at Mururoa atoll in the South Pacific.

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M Temperville's alleged treason is a classic Cold War tale, but as prosecutors pointed out last week, he maintained contact with Russian agents well after the collapse of the Soviet Union in 1991.

A former engineer at the French Atomic Energy Commission (CEA), M Temperville allegedly received up to two million francs (£200;000) from two KGB agents posted at the Soviet Embassy and Unesco in Paris, in exchange for photocopies of at least 100

classic esponiage

case is a show trial, writes

Ben Macintyre

serious damage to the French nuclear programme by passing on information such as techniques for nuclear waste processing and the secret codes used to track the results of weapons tests.

M Temperville had already lost his job at the CEA for stealing office furniture when he was arrested in September 1992 after a former KGB colonel, Victor Otchenko, defected to London and provided information to MI6.

The accused spy has admitted handing over classified information to Sergei "Serge" Zhmyrev, deputy secretary at the Soviet Embassy, and later to Valentin "Rene" Makarov. third secretary to the Russian delegation at Unesco, but M Temperville claims he did not know they were Russian or that they were spies. Posing as a Briton, "Serge"

first approached the French According to a pre-trial re- Temperville was studying port, M Temperville caused nuclear physics at university,

and chemistry. "He presented himself as a worker at an engineering company who was preparing for an exami-

nation," M Temperville said. When the Frenchman obtained a job in the top-secret military applications division of the CEA, the Russian agent "activated" his contact and became increasingly menacing. "He threatened to kill me. as well as my mother and grandmother. I plunged into hell," M Temperville told the court. "My biggest mistake was not to go to the police at that moment." Prosecutors, however, have

painted a more sophisticated picture of M Temperville's contacts with the agents, who left France under diplomatic immunity after his arrest. Investigators say the KGB left rose petals at a designated site to indicate they wanted a meeting when M Temperville had documents to hand over. he would allegedly leave them in a rubbish bin near an electricty pylon and then drop orange peel 100 yards away. A packet of Dunhill cigarettes left by a set of traffic lights indicated the KGB had made

the pick-up successfully. After five years in detention, M Temperville faces a further 15 years in prison if convicted of treason, but his lawyer show trial orchestrated by the mainly motivated by greed. M on a bridge."



An artist's impression of Francis Temperville on trial in Paris, accused of passing secrets to the KGB while working at the Atomic Energy Commission

DST, the French counter-intelligence agency. "You are try-ing the ashes of a defunct political regime. The only purpose of this trial is to allow the DST to show spies that it is on the alert," Jean-Didier Belot, the lead defence lawyer, said.

The French scientist was known to hold anti-military views and he is accused of insists that he is the victim of a but prosecutors say he was would be rubbed out one night

Temperville, however, claims to have received just 160,000 francs (£16,000) from the KGB

.M Belot called the trial. which is expected to last until

next week, "an anachronism". He said: "If this were a genuine case of spying, it wouldn't be sorted out in a court of law. The spy would

Warning on Mafia 'army' as Italy joins border pact

FROM RICHARD OWEN IN ROME

AS Italy yesterday joined the Schengen agreement on free movement across European frontiers, with airport staff giving passengers roses and sparkling wine to celebrate, a senior Italian official gave a warning that organised crime was exploiting the relaxation of border controls. He said the Mafia had "an army which is bigger and more dangerous than Hitler's".

Luciano Violante, the parliamentary Speaker and an anti-Mafia lawyer, told a conference in Trieste on relations between the European Union and Eastern Europe that the growing international power of the Mafia required a coordinated European response. We have created a European space without borders, but the Mafia is as well placed to take advantage of it as bona fide businessmen and travellers." he said. "We need a grand alliance against organised crime".

He said the Mafia's "immense" forces were "exceptionally well armed" and had financial resources amounting

money around the map of Europe like pawns on a chessboard.

can move their men and

Under Schengen, passeners flying from Rome or Milan to Paris or Cologne do not have to show a passport. though airline staff still have to check the name on the ticket against some form of identification at the departure gate Controls on sea and land borders are being "relaxed" and will be lifted in March.

Piero Fassino, the Deputy Foreign Minister, said yester day Italy had spent £20 million improving its computerised police intelligence systems and police procedures to satisfy critics "who doubted our capacity to control our frontiers".

Separatists vote: The separatist Northern League yesterday staged "elections" for a 200-seat "parliament of the North" in its self-proclaimed 'Republic of Padania", which embraces most of Italy's northern provinces. But the Government in Rome said the "election" had no legal or constitutional force.

Slovenia faces hitch to speedy E

IN LJUBLIANA, SLOVENIA

FEW cheers could be heard around Western Europe yesterday when foreign ministers. effectively settled on a fivemember guest list for the first batch of new European Union members from the old Cornmunist bloc, but in one little country across the Alps, the word from Luxembourg prompted a sigh of relief. Slo-



venia, a state of two million land and Britain can say the as the EU squabbles about people that nestles between Austria and the Adriatic, made the grade along with Poland, Hungary, the Czech Republic and Estonia

For Janez Drnovsek, the Prime Minister, the request to join the EU is the pay-off for six hard years that have seen his country turn itself from a breakaway Yugoslav republic into the star among Central Europe's converts to democracy and the free market. Sitting below a vast chande-

lier in his Cabinet room, Dr Drnovsek allows himself a little dream. Already well down the road to a Westernstyle economy, Slovenia could, he said, walk straight into monetary union, swapping its newly created tolars and stotins for the euro.

We have already met the Maastricht criteria on fiscal

same. But a cloud has loomed over the horizon. The young technocrats who run Slovenia are coming to understand that, for all the noble EU rhetoric on embracing the East, Helmut Kohl, the German Chancellor, and other leaders are in no rush to usher in the poor cousins.

- Sinaílar fears are being

voiced across Central Europe age is called Agenda 2000, but

Wrangle over Turkey

to overcome German resistance to inviting Turkey with other would-be members of the European Union to a grand Europe conference in London in February (Charles Brenner writes).

The question of what to do matters," he noted. Of EU with Turkey soured the air at states, only Luxembourg, Fin- a weekend session where EU

paying for an enlargement that will force a painful shift in resources, including a remake of the common agriculture policy that devours half the EU spending. Spain wants guarantees on continuing cash for the poorer states and Germany wants a big cut in its contributions to EU coffers. The whole enlargement pack-

BRITAIN joined forces with foreign ministers cleared the France yesterday in an effort way to invite five Central European states plus Cyprus to start negotiating their entry to the Union in the new year. Ministers agreed that the French proposal of a grand conference was the best way. The EU has two months to resolve the Turkish squabble and complete its

invitation list.

entry of the first new members back until at least 2003 and possibly years later.

"It's more a question of when the EU will be ready to accept new members than when we are going to be ready," said Dr Drnovsek, 47, a centre-left politician with a mournful air. He made clear that he is irked by Herr Kohl's apparent determination that no new members should join until Poland is ready. "Slovenia doesn't present

any kind of problem to the

EU," Dr Drnovsek said. "We are no competition for Spain. Portugal or Ireland." The boast is backed up by figures. Slovenia, a branch of the old Habsburg empire that likes to forget its Balkan background, now boasts a national income per head of 60 per cent of the EU average, almost the same as Spain and more than Greece and Portugal.



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Gates revels in cyber Xanadu

FROM GILES WHITTELL IN MEDINA, WASHINGTON STATE

WREATHED in mist and overhung by a transplanted forest, Bill Gates's \$60 million (£37 million) home is occupied at last, but still not finished. The first proof is a flimsy guard shack at its front entrance. Knocked together out

of scrap wood and polythene, one deck chair and was valued by its occupant at lars". The shack is dwarfed by towering Doug-las firs. Etchings of leaves decorate Beyond, 300 yards of driveway twist down to a vaulted sub-

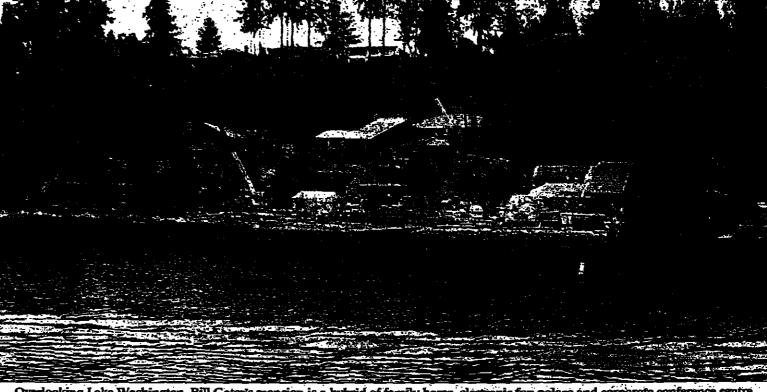
where a tunnel and a sloping footbridge bring visitors, eventually, to the Xanadu of the

series of airy wood and glass That is the idea. Yet after pavilions descending sharply to the lush shore of Lake Washington. A central computer - likened by Mr Gates to Hal of 2001: A Space Odyssey - controls heating. music and art in each room according to personal tastes

seven years and endless delays, the world's richest person, worth an estimated \$42 billion as a founder of Microsoft, is living next to a high-tech building site of his own making in the town of Medina, much of which reban Haywards

the teething prob-lems: "Hal" is still flummoxed if one guest likes Bach while another in the same room prefers Bananarama. The first family of cyberspace moved in last month. Their

private quarters programmed onto digital badges given to all guests. They can gaze either at the are free of builders, leaving them to frolic in form-fitting baths, bounce in a cubic trampoline room with padded lake, or at video walls displaywalls and exercise in a 60ft ing any of 100,000 masterpieces to which their host swimming pool with under-



Overlooking Lake Washington, Bill Gates's mansion is a hybrid of family home, electronic fun palace and corporate conference centre

the lake to Seattle is spectacular, but their front yard is a scene of mobile cranes and hard hats. On the first glimpse of the site granted to a newspaper since the family moved in last month, a senior con-

tractor admitted to The Times

that he and his men would probably be there for months. Mr Gates seems unembarrassed by the noise and the dust.

His wife Melinda has more reason than her busband to

does at home, looking after their infant daughter, Jennifer. But by most accounts she is at least partly responsible for the delays.

The house had been under construction for four years when she married him in

declared she could not live in, design because, local lore has it. "The exposed concrete is it, they ruled out working on a going to have to go," he lightop. The result is a admitted after she hired a French interior designer Bare steel beams were softened in appearance. Showers went into the 18 bathrooms after

laptop. The result is a spawling experiment initially intended as the ultimate bachelor pad", now destined to be a hybrid of family home, electronic fun palace and corKight.

Voters deliver blow to Menem

FROM GABRIELLA GAMINI

ARGENTINIANS voted for 127 new congressional deputies yesterday in nationwide elections widely seen as a barometer of growing dissatisfaction with the Government of President Menem. Pre-ballot surveys and

initial exit poll results showed that his Justice Party (the Peronists) could lose control over Congress for the first time in his seven years in ottice. Argentina's 22 mil lion voters were expected largely to endorse a new opposition alliance, in protest at harsh austerity measures implemented as part of free-market reforms, rising unemployment and numerous corruption scandals.

The Alliance Party, expected to clinch a majority of seats in Congress, is a coalition between the traditional opposition Radical Party and a group of left-wing and centre-left parties. It was formed a few months ago with the intention of breaking up the monopoly on power" held by Señor Menem's party. The overwhelming backing for the new coalition is a clear sign of protest against the Government," said Rosendo Fraga, a



Menem: party faces

New York delights lure back elderly

Bill and Melinda Gates, who moved into their

house last month after years of delays

By TUNKU VARADARAJAN

SPURNING Florida and its sunshine, elderly Americans are flocking to New York in search of a better quality of retired life. This trend, reported vesterday in the Daily News, appears to turn conventional wisdom on its head. suggesting that senior citizens are no longer satisfied with a life of idleness by the sea or in retirement homes far from the cities where they lived and worked.

Thanks to medical advances, the elderly are more active and often crave the cultural diversions of preretirement days. New York offers these in abundance. The good notices the city has received recently for its reduction in crime, improved hygiene and new-found civic vigour have led to the abandonment of fears about life in the Big Apple.

Herbert Stupp, a commis-sioner in New York City's Department for the Ageing, says: "New York is a very senior-friendly city, perhaps the most in the country." It was a "good place to grow old" because of its sophisticated healthcare, a developed transport network, and price discounts for the elderly at many shops and restaurants. There is already a large pool, about 1.3 million, of over-60s in the city, which is now inured to the foibles of the elderly.

According to the Daily News, the new trend towards retirement in New York can be detected in the building boom in homes and apartments for "the retired". Estate agents report a rise in lettings to newly arrived elderly people from "out of town".

Yet it is the city's undeniable cultural attractions which appear to hold the key to the new trend. New York has more museums, cinemas, li-braries and theatres than any other city in the world. A lazy daiquiri every evening and the Florida sunsets are simply not in the same league.

Snowstorm paralyses Colorado traffic

By GILES WHITTELL

AN autumn blizzard which experts said may be related to El Niño, the weather phenomenon, paralysed Colorado at the weekend, with three leet of snow falling on suburban Denver and a deeper blanket on the nearby Rockies. At the city's new airport, designed at huge cost to defy snowy conditions, 2,000 people were stranded for most of Saturday. Police cars and even

snowploughs became stuck in drifts along Interstate 25. Roy Romer, Colorado's Governor. declared a state of emergency and mobilised the National Guard.

Other Western plains states from Nebraska to northern Texas were immobilised by Friday's storm, described by some as the worst since 1982 the year of the last major El





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. Rights activists plan noisy Jiang welcome

yesterday awaiting the arrival of President Jiang Zemin of China Chinese dissidents and their American allies were hoping to attract wide publici-ty for demonstrations against human rights abuses, including religious persecution and the continued imprisonment of critics of the Beijing

The Clinton Administration was still amously anticipatng precise assurances from the Chinese for an agreement that would provide the summit's diplomatic centrepiece. It would enable American companies to sell civilian nuclear reactors worth billions of dollars to China in return for Beijing's promise to phase out its nuclear co-operation with Iran, considered a rogue state by the US.

There was less serious conjecture over whether Mr Jiang, widely regarded as a somewhat wooden figure in public, would break into song and play the piano. During a private dinner last year in the America's red-carpet treatment for a brutal regime has forged a

vocal alliance, Ian Brodie reports

President Ramos by joining phone, anything is possible him in a duet, in English, of Mr. Jiang's week-long state the Elvis Presley classic Love visit sor foremost importance. the Elvis Presley classic Love Me Tender. Given President Clinton's fondness for Elvis and for blowing his same



Clinton: optimistic about deal on nuclear reactors

warfing to improve relations despite fundamental differ-

ences. Mr. Jiane, arrived last ine with China's insistent demands, he will receive a 21gun salute and a state dinner t the White House. The first such event since

China crushed the pro-demo-cracy moment in Tiananmen Square in 1989 has brought together a group of dissidents exiled in America to protest against the red-carpet recepion accorded to the 71-yearold Chinese leader. Wang Xizhe, who spent 14 years in Chinese prisons for

challenging Communist ideol-ogy, has sent a flurry of e-mails to members of Congressurging them to question Chi-na's continued crackdown on

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Now a visiting scholar at Harvard, Mr Wang will join the demonstration that is planned for Lafavette Souare opposite the White House, a protest that Chinese officials had pleaded in vain should be kept out of sight and earshot of the formal welcome for Mr Jiang within the grounds:

That evening, during the state banquet, a rival stateless dinner will be held at a nearby hotel to condemn China's occupation of Tibet. One speaker will be Richard Gere, the Hollywood actor, a Buddhist and friend of the Dalai Lama who has taken up the Tibetan cause.

Madeleine Albright, the Secretary of State, sounded defensive yesterday as she emphasised that America's policy of engagement with the Chi-nese did not mean endorsing everything they did. "We will never have a completely nor-



President Jiang answers questions at a weekend press conference in Beijing about his visit to the United States

mal relationship with them until they have a better human rights policy," she said. As for the promised demonstrations, Ms Albright said: The Chinese chose the itinerary. If they are not prepared for them, they ought to be." ☐ Beijing: At a rare press

conference at the weekend for American journalists, Mr Jiang as usual read prepared replies to questions, a style that will win little favour in the United States (James Pringle

Envoys in the Chinese capital say that it will be hard for him to match the charisma of the late Deng Xiaoping. He beguiled Americans with pithy comments and by wearing a Stetson on his ground-breaking trip in 1979. That followed years of Sino-American strife under Mao, who eventually initiated "ping-

the 1972 visit by President Nixon. A positive result of the trip, as well as the commitment to end missile sales to Iran, is that China is expected to stop support for nuclear programmes for Pakistan that fall outside UN guidelines.

Triad killings point to gang war in Macau

FROM DAVID WATTS IN MACAU

MACAU was on the verge of all-out gang warfare last night after the assassination of the alleged boss of one of the biggest triads in the Portuguese-ruled territory.

The local leader of the 14K gang, Leong Kwak-Hong, was shot dead outside a lift in his apartment building as he returned home in what was seen as a revenge killing for an earlier double murder.

Macau is used by wealthy mainland Chinese who flock to gamble in its nine casinos -a vice that is illegal at home and in Hong Kong.

Some mainland gamblers fly in two or three times a week from the newly rich areas of southern China to be chaperoned

rooms and the services of hundreds of Russian prostitutes.

Last year, the industry was worth £1.5 billion and covered half the territory's tax

Last night's murder was the twenty-fourth gangland-related killing this year in a tiny area with a population of only 450,000, and it follows a series of bomb explosions during the week and a particularly bloody double murder last weekend. That killing was a dispute over who was chaperoning a wealthy mainland gangster. Two young triad members were killed; one shot and the other stabbed 30 times in the car park of the Hyatt Regency hotel, which has the territory's newest

revenue in VIP casino rooms where they are waited on hand and foot. One such gambler admitted to a Hong Kong court last week that he had lost £1.5 million in Macau casinos and thought nothing

"This is not the Chicago of the Orient," said one gang-iand analyst. "So people really notice when something like this happens. You maybe even see the body on the street. You don't just read about it. It's all down to the local spin-offs from gambling we call it chips and chicks. Tourists have noticed, and the number of visitors is 12 per cent down over last year.

Some believe the latest atbreak the gambling in the enclave.

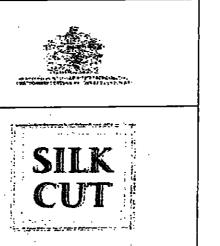
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ing until 2001. Macau will return to Chinese rule in 1999. Juan Swing, the deputy manager of the Hotel Lisboa casino. the biggest in the enclave, denies that there is any gangster influence in the gaming rooms and maintains they are only involved in

perepheral businesses. Despite laws introduced recently, it is hard to track down the perpetrators of killings of the killers are former soldiers in the Chinese People's Liberation Army who have been made redundant.

Half the assassination fee is paid to the killer's family in completion when the gunman melts back into the one billion The mainland gamblers melts back into the one bill bring in two thirds of the Chinese on the mainland.



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Island states fear trade wind of change

tried at the weekend to smooth over a rift between the larger members, eager to embrace globalisation, and tiny island states that fear they will be overwhelmed in the rush to

liberalise trade. The leaders bridged their sharp differences to sign their first ever economic agreement, the landmark Edinburgh Declaration", hailed by Tony Blair as an important and exciting development" which provides the framework for the Commonwealth to play a "dynamic role in promoting trade and investment".

But a group of 40 small Commonwealth countries issued a warning that they were especially vulnerable to sweeping new trade measures. and said they could be marginalised if their fragile economies were not protected. They called for special help in the transition to the new trading climate, and said the bigger nations should fight for them in any new trade

The British Government expressed relief that it had succeeded in placing the benefits of trade liberalisation and globalisation at the centre of

Michael Binyon

and Alasdair Murray on the

split behind the Edinburgh pact

the agreement. But the document stops short of meeting the key British aim of winning a clear Commonwealth endorsement for a new "millennium" round of world trade talks. The Declaration also contains important concessions from developed countries, including Australia, to support measures to make significant reductions" in greenhouse gas emissions after the Kyoto environmental

Mr Blair admitted the "disparate" nature of the Commonwealth had made it difficult to reach agreement, and the Declaration, supposed to provide the centrepiece of the Heads of Government Meeting, was launched with

BY MICHAEL BINYON

members have a population of less than 1.5 million, and a few have only several thousand inhabitants. Many are dependent on single exports, especially bananas. They fear their voices will be drowned in international trade talks and see the Commonwealth as one of the few bodies ready to listen to them. Chief Emeka Anyaoku, the

Secretary-General, gave notice of the small states' worries in his opening address when he said that the benefits of globalisation had been distribinted unequally. "For many developing countries, globalisation has meant further marginalisation. An international underclass ... has emerged to complement the underclass within

The banana-exporting countries fear the World Trade Organisation ruling, which outlaws the special preference given to Caribbean banana exports to the European Union, will make them uncompetitive, bankrupt their farmers and lead to increases in crime and drug smuggling. Yesterday the Prime Minis-

ters of the Windward Islands said they were doing their best



President Mandela with Tony Blair during a stroll by Commonwealth leaders at St Andrews yesterday

to diversify their economies. but there were limits to the expansion of tourism. Only bananas gave enough jobs to small farmers, and it was the only crop that could recover quickly from regular hurricanes and other natural

Britain has promised to try

to help, but Tony Blair insists there is no alternative to freer trade which in the long run will benefit everyone. He has refused to give a commitment that Britain would push the EU into continuing its special

banana regime. The small states include some very rich ones, such as

Singapore and Brunei. But another issue pitting the big they claimed they were as Commonwealth members vulnerable as the others to threats from powerful neighbours or natural disasters.

ever, are taking a special interest in another big threat:

against the smaller ones. Yesterday's agreement contains few concrete measures The very small states, howand Britain will be looking to the next Commonwealth

Heads of Government Meet-

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Colombian* voters defy rebel threat

Bogota: Colombians braved the threat of bombs and bullets to vote in local polls yesterday while left-wing rebels pressed ahead with a violent sabotage campaign.

Abstention levels as high as 70 per cent were predicted, especially outside major cities where guerrillas paralysed most road transport with their "armed strike". They issued a warning to voters to stay at home and declared election officials to be military targets. (Reuters)

Asian Aids peril

Manila: Asia will overtake Africa in a few years as the region worst hit by HIV, which causes Aids, and Asians should not be lulled into complacency by new drugs, a UN official said. (Reuters)

Iran stoning

Tehran: Three men and three women were stoned to death in public at Sari, 155 miles northeast of here after an Iranian court found them guilty of adultery and prostitu-tion, a newspaper said. (AP)

Ape victims

Jakarta: People in Borneo killed or tortured about 120 orang-utans as they fled forest fires. Some were sold for £60 each. The total of Indonesian cities hit by smog has nearly doubled to 41 from 22. (AP)

Water for Sinai

Cairo: Egypt's President Mubarak pushed a button to send Nile water through four tunnels under the Suez Canal to irrigate the arid Sinai desert and allow 1.5 million people to resettle there. (Reuters)

A tug too far

Tainei: Doctors reattached the left arms of two Taiwanese men who lost the limbs when a tug-of-war rope on which they and another 1,500 people were pulling snapped. Forty others were hurt (Reuters)

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Tofilau: in hospital with a leg infection

the Signet Library in Edinburgh. At St Andrews, it was decided to accept COMMONWEALTH leaders took a report on Commonwealth enlargetime out from formal talks for a ment that insists newcomers can "bonding and binding" day at St Andrews. They strolled across the join only if they have a constitutional link with Britain or another memgolf greens, introduced wives and ber, and a record on human rights sought ways, over a good lunch and and democracy in line with the

in bracing air, to consolidate agreements on trade, human rights Harare declarations. British sources say that rules out and the 54-nation club's expansion. immediate acceptance of two new The leaders, apart from Tofilau applicants: Rwanda, on constitution-Eti Alesana, the Prime Minister of al grounds, and Yemen because of its Samoa, who was admitted to hospihuman rights record. But their bids tal with a leg infection, were also remain on the table and will be considered in greater detail later. invited on Saturday to a dinner hosted by Tony and Cherie Blair in The leaders adopted the report by

the eight-man Commonwealth Ministerial Action Group which gives Nigeria another year to restore democracy before sanctions and even expulsion are introduced.

And despite unspoken worries by some African leaders, the heads of state decided to turn this ministerial group into a permanent human rights watchdog to report on any other transgressions among their

Membership of the group would rotate every few years, the Common-

ranging agreement on other issues,

The weekend talks saw wide-

including a new trade, investment and development deal, the special needs of the smallest countries and tough new rules to protect the global

The last two subjects, however, showed sharp divisions at the start of the summit between the big and small members. Officials were hoping that the retreat to St Andrews would sooth away lingering differences before the final communique is issued today.

Mr Tofilau, who is in his seventies, spent the day at the Royal. Infirmary of Edinburgh after being admitted on Saturday at 7pm. It is

with antibiotics. He was expected to be detained for up to 48 hours. At the dinner which his illness

forced him to miss, the delegates were served with roasted tomato and red onion with wilted spinach, followed by loin of Scottish lamb, with roast potatoes and seasonal Caramelised autumn fruits and

whisky cream were served for dessert, and there was a selection of Scottish traditional cheeses, coffee and Orkney fudge to finish.

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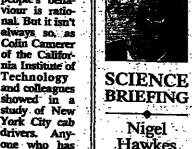
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Why cabbies are irrational

theories tend people's behanal. But it isn't elways so, as of the California Institute of Technology and colleagues showed in a study of New York City cab drivers. Any-

taken a cab in



York might already have suspected this, as the taxis there often seem to be driven by people who are less familiar with the city than a firsttime visitor. But we'll let Professor Camerer set out

to test how cabbies make decisions about how long to work. Two possible eco-nomic models apply. One is the law of supply, which suggests that people should want to sell more of something when the price is high than when it is low. The second he calls daily income targeting — that is the drivers set themselves a. target, say \$150 a day in fares, and stop when they have achieved it. "Target setting can be very motivating in unpleasant or tedious activities, such as exercise," he says in an account of the project in Engineering and Science, Caltech's quarterly ionmal

The team, which comprised Camerer, Linda Babcock and George Loewen-stein of Carnegie Mellon University, and Richard Thaler of the University of Chicago, got data for the years 1988, 1990 and 1994 from the New York City Taxi and Limousine Commission. This comprised meter records which showed how much the drivers earned each day. On a busy day drivers earned money more quickly than on a quiet day. The law of

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ing theory says that they should work fewer because they hit their daily target sooner. The data that the latter is closer to the truth. Yet it also shows that

the cabbies could get an automatic rise of 8 per cent if they worked for the same number of hours each day, and if they fully obeyed the law of supply they could earn an extra 15 per cent. In 1995 they averaged \$22,000 a year, so they could have made at least another \$2,000 by simply changing their driving habits. This suggests that the typical New York cabbie is

rationally as well as geographically challenged. But there is a final twist. Cab licences run in chronologi-cal order, so it is possible to use the data to compare experienced drivers with relative beginners. (In 1991, 40 per cent of the drivers came from India, 11 per cent from Africa, and 7 per cent each from the Caribbean. the Middle East and Russia. Only 10 per cent were American-born.) When the comparison is made, it turns out that naive drivers follow income targeting but experienced ones come closer to the law of supply.

So as the drivers learn the street patterns, they also learn to behave as rational economic beings an en-corraging conclusion, al-though not to supply-side economists who argue that people would work harder if taxes were cut. Not if they were New York cabbles, they wouldn't.



Professor Robert Morris, above, is "between 90 and 95 per cent sure" that people possess a hitherto undocumented ability to communicate with the world around them

perception less ordinary

he telephone rings; you know who it is before you pick up the receiver. You dream of an old friend; a letter from her plops on to the doormat the next morning. Most of us dismiss such strange happenings as coincidences. But one man has spent most of his professional life trying to prove that such events are not

At a public lecture next week, Robert Morris, Koestler Professor of Parapsychology at the University of Edinburgh, will say that he is between 90 and 95 per cent sure" that human deings dos sess a hitherto undocumented ability to communicate with the world around them. He is convinced that extra-sensory perception (ESP) exists.

Orthodox scientists spirater incredulously that the laws of nature do not allow people to transmit thoughts to each other. How, they ask, can brainwaves be transported and replicated in someone else's head? Professor Morris. an American, admits that he does not have an answer, but he is not bothered by the conflict with conventional science. "Perhaps we need to reinterpret the laws of nature to accommodate it," he says.

Professor Morris, 55, arrived at Edinburgh University 12 years ago to join the Koestler Parapsychology Unit, which was set up with a bequest from the author Arthur Koestler. He dislikes the prefix para- (meaning beside, past or beyond): There isAnjana Ahuja on the evidence gained from experiments into ESP nothing para about our research. I use the term only

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because of the will." Before he entered the field, (his PhD at Duke University, North Carolina, was in animal social behaviour), he classed himself as neither believer nor sceptic, although he had experienced "little events, nothing dramatic that could be coincidences. Once, he recalls, he was discussing forest fires when he received a phone call about that very topic.

The professor and four rechers use a telimed version of the Ganzfeld technique. A volunteer (the thought-reader) sits alone in a windowless, soundproof room, with headphones on and halved tabletennis balls covering the eyes. A relaxation tape is played through the headphones to put the volunteer at ease, and then white noise, which sounds like

a hiss, is piped through.

The sender sits alone is a separate room. His task is to "transmit", using thought alone, the contents of a randomly selected one-minute video clip (from a pool of 100). While the sender is watching the clip, the recipient is asked to describe images that come

When the film is over, the sender stays put. Meanwhile, computer-linked video shows the recipient four video clips: the recipient must choose which one most closely tallies with the mental images he picked up. Since there is a one-in-four chance of guessing the correct clip, the success rate must exceed 25 per cent to be meaningful. In the past three studies, conducted over two years using 276 volun-

been 34, 47 and 42 per cent. These figures are enough to satisfy Professor Morris that something strange is going on. He adds that some people seem better than others at squeezing strong imagery out of weak information and postulates that there may be a

n inspection, the experimental technique looks scrupulous. "Each person does one session only, says Professor Morris. "If we discard any sessions, we do it have had acoustic engineers checking the room, and a sensor alerts us if the sender appear to resent the almost hostile scrutiny that his results undergo. "One can only criticise properly if one knows the work. I do think that some crincisms we get are kneejerk reactions, although these are understandable. Extraordinary claims call for extraordi-

It is difficult not to think that if ESP were a genuine pheabout it by now. "If it occurred with sufficient ease and strength, maybe," says Professor Morris. Perhaps it gets crowded out by noise and people don't notice it. The Ganzield technique puts people in special circum-

Yet how can thoughts physically be transmitted? According to Professor Morris, several physicists, including the Nobel laureate Sir Brian Josephson at Cambridge University, are applying their expertise to this area. Tentative suggestions include ener-gy fields and unidentified particles. The answer may even lie entwined in the secrets of consciousness. It is hard to

talking to Professor Morris. He dismisses the rash of television programmes on paranormal subjects as "abys-mal and misleading". His CV shows an impeccable academic grounding. He does not court publicity for his unusual endeavours.

On the other hand, his research papers have been published in parapsychology, rather than mainstream journals, and results must be

lishing a paper saying that ESP existed? "Nature did publish one in the Seventies. I flurry of statistics. One of think we could see another, Professor Morris's former stubut only once a body of dents, Dr Richard Wiseman, evidence has been accumulatfrom the University of Herted. I'm pretty sure I'm going to fordshire, concluded that, die before I get a sense of when taken together, all 31 closure on this.' I hope Professor Morris Ganzfeld experiments carried out across the world between

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For the past year she has been monitoring the bodies to

study the life cycles of the creatures that live on them -

everything from advatic bugs to clams. Such populations may give useful indications of how long a body has been at

a particular place, and whether it has been moved. Pigs

were chosen because they are similar in size and mass to

human bodies. Ms Macdonell says that until now,

they try an estimate the time of death in such cases.

She had found more than 50 species of invertebrate colon-

ising the say. Bodies are a minient-rich source," she says, "but their decomposition and shape make for a great

habitat. She planned to remove her pigs months ago, but has been surprised how slowly they have decomposed.

ists have had to make "educated guesses" when

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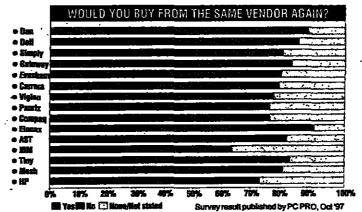
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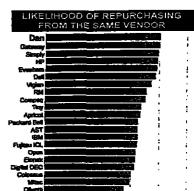
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'I only found freedom when I came to prison'

detritus of a drug-taking culture: the water-bottle pipe of the crack addict, the brown stained foil of the smackhead, the spent syringe of the junkie. Drugs are such a menacing temptation that almost half the population under the age of 30 is believed to have experimented with them.

Only a minority will become addicted, but those who do exert a pernicious influence. It can cost hundreds of pounds a day to feed a habit and few can manage that legally. Most addicts turn to crime. The statistics are staggering about 50 per cent of property crime, for example, is directly attributable to addicts frantic for cash. So what is the answer? Prison, many people will say, or zero tolerance and

stern sentences.

The trouble with prison is that it often exacerbates the problem. Drastically understaffed, today's crowded jails are hotbeds of drug dealing. It is often easier to get hold of illegal substances inside jail.

Clive Barber, the Governor of R Wing at Pentonville prison, says that most drugs get in through social visits. "If friends and family members bring them in, the prisoners can then secrete them internally and it is impossible for us to intercept them," he says. Inside prison, drugs take on an even sharper focus. The mental escape they offer can seem like the only release for a sector of society that despairs

Six years ago a charitable organisation. RAPt (the Rehabilitation of Addicted Prisoners Trust), was set up to help prisoners to overcome their addiction while still serving their sentences. Mike Trace, executive director of RAPt and deputy to the newly appointed drugs czar. Keith Hellawell, says: "Drug culture and criminal culture are interrelated in the UK." He estimates that there could be as many as 20,000 people passing through prison annually who require available to only 1,500 people. RAPt operates schemes in five prisons: Downview, Colding-

Harry Stourton goes to Pentonville to meet the criminals trying to kick their addiction to drugs



The Rehabilitation of Addicted Prisoners Trust conducts a group session for addicts

withdrawal from a drug and

on encouraging personal awareness and self-respect.

Treatment begins with a two-

week detox. Prisoners are then offered counselling both in

groups and individually.The

prisoners are encouraged to

analyse their past life, taking

stock of their strengths and

weaknesses and coming to

terms with the people whom they have harmed through

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prisoner has been released.

hey are asked to write

their life story, pre-

senting it to the

ley, Wandsworth, Pentonville and Norwich.

It was to Pentonville I went: a stark, sprawling Victorian building. Escorted inside the gates, past endless security I found myself in a world of grimy brick walls and barred windows. The metal walkways clattered under the tread of booted feet. But as I reached R Wing - where the drug rehabilitation unit is centred - the change of mood was palpable. It was clean and bright and the atmosphere was calmer and quieter.

It was here that I met Mickey, who had been elected to act as a spokesman for the group. The 28-year-old East Ender is typical of the people RAPt helps. Thickset, with a cropped scalp and an intimidaring stare, he tells of his past life. He is serving his seventh sentence for crimes such as theft, assault and criminal damage. "I sniffed glue and smoked cannabis at school." he says, but my drug of choice was alcohol until I went anything I could get my hands on R Wing. on; methadone, smack. LSD." An inten All of this on top of the

antidepressants prescribed for him by prison doctors.

Mickey felt that he had been trapped in a cycle of crime. Released after his first sentence, he had no money or prospects. His father had been murdered by his stepfather, and his alcoholic mother was little help. He began to drink and take drugs. An uncon-trolled, violent binge landed him back in prison. By then, he was an addict. All his subsequent sentences were the result of crimes committed to finance his habit. When Mickey is released in 1999 he will have spent most of his twenties

"I got depressed and paranoid and I started harming myself. I cut my throat and my arms," he says. "I didn't know how to stop. I thought I was no good to anyone and would be better off dead."

Finally, Mickey encountered RAPt. "I realised if I continued the way I was I would end up killing myself and probably someone else, So he applied for a place

An intensive 12-step programme, RAPt focuses on wants to enjoy the softer regime of R Wing," Elmer Terry, RAPr's programme manager, says. When some-one is admitted it is essential that they remain clean and we ensure this through regular urine tests. If a positive result shows, the prisoner is re-moved from the wing for a fortnight. A second positive result and they are out."

Dealing with many wily customers, the programme workers are not easily duped. Most counsellors are former addicts and they know the tricks of the trade. John Mealyer, for instance, the senior counsellor at Pentonville, was an addict for 12 years and served four sentences fordealing, including one in Pentonville. During his treatment he discovered a natural aptitude for counselling and, once released, went on to Ruskin College, Oxford, where he took a diploma in multidisciplinary studies of

drug misuse. Some have doubted the genuine reform of such people. It has been argued that it is most unwise to give former inmates and addicts the keys to a prison wing. Clive Barber, the governor, believes that with careful security screening, this is justified. "I'm perceived as someone who is middle-class." he says. "I've never taken a drug in my life. If I said that I was going to counsel prisoners about drugs I'd have no credibility because I haven't been there. That's why there is a need for poachers turned

gamekeepers."
For Mickey, the example of reformed prisoners is inspiring. "I look at people like that and think maybe I can do it as group. This can be well," he says. Nonetheless, he emotionally gruelling for even found embarking on the prothe most hardened criminal. gramme daunting. "I was really scared at first ... scared ers who have similar backgrounds is intended to make of telling people about mythe addict realise that his self ... that's basically what plight is not unique and it is this course is about confessing everything. But possible to overcome addicsoon I realised I wasn't the tion. There is also a daily only one in trouble, not the programme of lectures, videos only one who had done things and counselling. This support while I was high. Once I continues with an extensive realised that I just surrenafter-care programme once a dered. I've been clean now for

The programme is not an nine month His warders have noticed a easy option. "We have to marked change. "Mickey used assess whether a person really to be aggressive and uncooperative," Officer Dominic Miqueleiz says. "He still has a hery temper but when he loses it now, he loses it less madly. What's more, he will

apologise."
But the RAPt workers know that Mickey has taken only the first step. "It's always a mystery to the layperson why, after detoxing, you would want to start using again," Mr Terry says. "But drugs are a magnet. You can use them when you are feeling suicidal and know, that with one single fix, everything will be all right. You can escape."

t is still too early to measure how successful the programme has An independent study is due to be completed in January, but Mr Barber is convinced that drug addiction treatment should be available in every prison. However, there is not enough money for the service. "It's a disgrace really," Mr Barber says. "You just have to walk through R Wing to see the difference in the prisoners who go there. I've never heard of anyone reoffending once they have completed the course in this

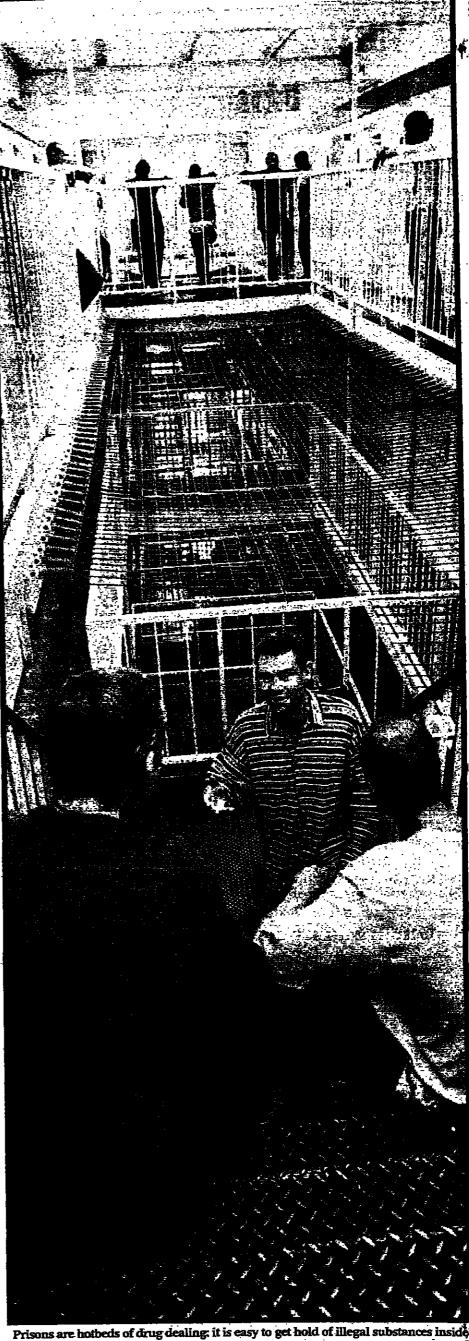
prison or any other." The future of RAPt is uncertain. Although partially funded by the Government, as a charity RAPt depends on the generosity of charitable foundations for its survival. "Curing prisoners of drug addiction is not a cause to which people are sympathetic." Mr Trace says. "We encounter resistance from both outside and inside the Prison Service.

"Some people believe that anyone who offers welfare is a care bear and is being manipulated by the prisoners. As a result, we are under tremendous pressure to prove ourselves." He is convinced that money spent on treatment is a worthwhile investment. "To date, only 10 per cent of those who have received treatment have relapsed, and none of those has reoffended."

Mickey is feeling optimistic for the first time in years. 'Maybe it sounds a bit corny." he says, "but I always thought I was an addict and criminal, and that was me for the rest of my life. Now I think I can see a light at the end of the tunnel at

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'Claudia, catwalks and Copperfield

When it came to interviewing Claudia Schiffer at the opening of her restaurant, Fashion Café, Jane Shilling found she was forced to put her foot in the door

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h Gawd, woss this then? said the taxi driver, slowing to a crawl as we turned into Coventry Street. "Blandy sightseers!" Oh dear. And so there were.

Milling hopelessly about all over the road between Planet Hollywood and the Cafe de Paris. I got out of the car and found myself in the middle of a very English sort of throng. Anorak-clad, pale faces pinched with the cold. apologising nicely to each other as they ran over each other's toes with their baby buggies, they all seemed to be gazing up at a window, five or six storeys above the pavement, in the bright frame of which appeared a tall figure with long, golden hair who seemed to be pointing at the arthlings below. Who could it pe? Suddenly, I realised that

the crowd and I were all standing here in the dark for much the same rea-They had come to catch a glimpse of the celebs who would be attending the opening party of new site. And I had come along to in-terview Claudia Schiffer who, with sister

shoermodels, Elle Macpheri and Naomi Campbell.

With some difficulty I forced a way to the entrance. The door opened a crack. Sorry. said a burly chap in black rie. No admittance. Don't be silly. I said. Miss Schiffer is expecting me. And just as he was about to bang it in my face. I put my foot in the door.

We looked at my foot, the doorman and I. Now, the rest of me may have been looking pretty dim (what, after all, do you wear to an interview with a supermodel? No one, as Nanny would say, will be looking at you, darling), but on my foot there happened to be a Manolo Blahnik boot of supermodellish elegance. All right, said the bouncer. Wait here. And he muttered into his lapel. Eventually, a blonde PR girl appeared and led me to a tiny office at the very top of the building. I peered down at the crowd, which seemed to be growing. Time passed. Miss Schiffer is here now, said the

Often, the shocking thing about models is not how beautiful they are, but how strange-looking. There is something unnatural about their proportions, as though they have been assembled from body parts belonging to some tribe of exquisite aliens. I had been sure that this was look like in the flesh.

In the photographs, her beauty appears strangely characterless, with a curiously roguish allure, like synthetic essence of sex appeal. It is a look much admired by a Albert of Monaco, for example, and her fiance of three years, the vulpine, monoeyebrowed, perma-tanned Copperfield. But in the bitchy world of haute couture, it is, just at the moment, deeply unfashionable.

So I was taken aback to encounter, not a wriggling Barbie doll, but a fine-boned, fragile figure in a long Gucci riding coat, fishnet tights and

black boots. Strenuous attempts had been made to conceal her prettiness bright ochre foundation; lips painted a discon-certing Hallowe'en black - but it was spectacular. spectacular was the whacking ring on the third finger of her right hand. This, presumably, was the

\$3 million Cartier engagement ring bestowed on her by her saturnine magician. About whom, very shortly, I would Miss Schiffer has been hav-

ing rather a tough time of it recently - inasmuch as you can be said to be having a tough time when you are ravishingly preny, extremely rich, engaged to be married, and still in your twenties (her agency, Elite, says that she is 27). Last September she was replaced as the Face of Chanel by the English aristocrat Stella

Karl Lagerfeld, never one to be deterred by considerations gentlemanliness when speaking about his ex-muses, said at the time: "Claudia would have been a wonderful Hollywood silent star." Unsurprisingly, it was then re-ported that she had decided to retire from the catwalk. She said nothing rude about her successor, but made some pointed remarks about the sadness of junkie chic.

So. I say, was it your dislike of the heroin chic look that prompted you to retire from the catwalk?

Ah, says Claudia, in an accent more American than German: "I do find junkie chic

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Claudia Schiffer has a beauty much admired by a certain sort of chap, but in the bitchy world of haute couture, it is, just at the moment, deeply unfashionable

terrible. I mean, I always stood for health. I don't think it is a good example for young girls if you are supposed to look sick, with huge circles under your eyes.

f I do a fashion show. or a shoot, I'll be very trendy, and I'll work with the craziest makeups. But not this unhealthy. sad look. There are a lot of photographers who specialise in that look that I don't want to work with." (When I repeat this remark to a senior British fashion editor, she says that Claudia has tried working with photographers who are. to use that fashion-speak term of approbation, "edgy", but that the resulting pictures have not been regarded as a great success.) "But," adds Claudia smoothly, "it is not true that I have given up the catwaik."

"Oh?" I say, starded, "Have you done any shows this season?" "No," says Claudia. composedly. "I don't have

fashion shows because people in the fashion world are going to be in the audience. Once you have succeeded, there is no particular reason to do it any more, unless you are having fun. Naomi Campbell, for example, loves being on the

So what is it, I say, that you don't love and Naomi does? "Oh, it is very unpersonal, very hectic. A TV commercial, or a movie are much more creative pieces of work. And I am very busy with [her advertising campaigns for L'Oreal and Citroën. I am well known internationally, so I have real the luxury of selecting whatever I want to do. If I give time, it will be for Valentino. or John Galliano — or a tribute to Gianni Versace, or something like that."

You weren't at the most recent Versace show? I hazard. No. says Claudia. As it happens, there was a big press launch for Citroen in Madrid that day.

Whatever the real reasons behind her absence from the catwalks, Schiffer has not been idle. Early next year she will burst onto the cinema screens in The Blackout, a film directed by Abel Ferrara, in which she co-stars with Matthew Modine, Dennis Hopper and Béatrice Dalle. The film has been described as "miscalcu-



Schiffer and Copperfield

lated balderdash"; Schiffer's performance variously as "convincing" and "Emmenthat hland. One report had the director screaming at his ingénue: The first dann goat that comes down the road would play the part better than you? "I had a really good experi-

ence with Abel." says Claudia. creamily. He is wonderful with his actors. I learnt so much from that." So, does she have plans for

any more films? l am reading scripts now, she says. "But basically, I am touring, like a singer, from one city to another. It is very tough, and hopefully one day I can say, OK, now I am going to

step back and maybe have a

family or something... Ah. I say. A family. What are her plans in that direction? Earlier this year it was reported, in the magazine *Paris* Match, that her linison with David Copperfield came about not because of any overwhelming physical attraction, but

much time right now. You do more as a kind of business arrangement, underpinned by an exchange of letters specifying personal appearances in return for the provision of bodyguards, limos, first-class air tickets, agents' commission and other details of a most

unromantic nature. Mention of this sends all the light out of Claudia, who had become quite animated for a moment "I'm not allowed to talk about it," she says, stonily. There have been serious lies published. My lawyers are

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his lawyers as well."

The wedding was supposed to have been in July - the month in which Match published its allegations — but it was postponed. Does she have

a new date? Out of the corner of my eye, I see the PR girl twitch. No, says Claudia, no date.

But that is his engagement ring? She is still engaged? Yes. says Claudia. That's his ring. She stands up. Puts out her

handling that right now, and Copperfield rock is within my earth. Claudia, so nice, so grasp. And then she is gone. I drift downstairs to the

party. Dotted around the place in glass cases are Great Outfits from Fashion History -Madonna's gold lame Gau-tier busiler; the weeny pale pink vest and knickers that Naomi wore on a Michael Jackson video. The music is deafening, and Elle Macpherson, five months pregnant, is making an entrance worthy of the Queen of Sheba. I find

myself wondering why on

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so evidently dever. should care about any of this tawdry stuff.

Why. I think, doesn't she find herself a good man, with a proper job and the usual number of eyebrows, and settle down to the happy home life she obviously longs for? And then, in the corner of video screen. On it is Claudia, pouting and wriggling and mugging for the camera - as though her life depended on it.

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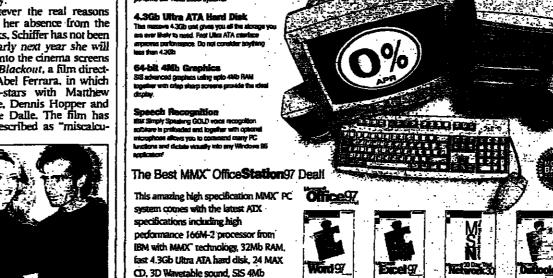


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re there any general reasons for what seems a sudden clustering of British writers taking up the recently despised and thought to be defunct historical novel? It is always a temptation to rush to a straight relationship between the conditions of the time and their consequences on art. I am not too sure that the relationship is as direct. Do turbulent times lead to turbulent art? Yes, sometimes - but hark! Here is a work of art from the same period which is serene. calm. a millpond. But that is a reaction to the turbulent times; without the turbulence the millpond would not have existed.

These games could go on all day. When I studied history I came to believe that there were independent strands within any overall scheme of things, and art often goes its own sweet way. Yet it is worth a paragraph to yield to the temptation to link our times with the revival of the historical novel, if only because it has become such a mantra. End of Empire, End of World Rule, End of Industrial

How I found myself living in the past

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Might, End of English Domination of English Language, Beginning of Decline, Identity Crisis, Renaissance necessary ... Therefore, look to the past.

There could be something in this. But perhaps more importantly there are in the past very good stories and narratives, and now that literary writers have plucked up the courage to accept that big stories need not be the monopoly of pulp writers we can go out and get them. It could be as simple as that. My experience is relevant here.

The early Middle Ages fascinated me when I encountered them at university. Nearly 40 years later I wrote Credo. It took me that time not only to pluck up the courage and gather the material, but also to feel that the time was right to devote the concentration to something set so deeply in the past.

The first problem was to distinguish between history and histori-

cal fiction. There was a view that all history was merely "fictions" and that to write an historical novel did not involve tangling with historical disciplines. But we cannot write an historical novel unless we are aware of those disciplines and their difference from fiction. Equally, we must find a distance from the history or it will not be

There is something else that is almost impossible to describe, which is that you have to throw a gear in your mind: you have to have a talent to feel that you can understand the past, and believe that you can recreate it from the limited information available to you. But if you think you can take that plunge then what opens up is a prospect of engagement and an intensity very difficult to secure in

For instance, I was brought up as a devout Christian and was



interested in saints and the ideal of utter earthly sacrifice, the ambi-tion of total purity. I'm sure examples exist of these in the world today, but the fact that the Celtic monks and nuns in the 7th century had left such clear traces

- traces which I thought I could track - made it easier for me to explore the roots of such matters. Distance gives confidence.

I am also interested in war. especially the ancient forms of hand-to-hand conflict - which is why boxing still holds an attraction. The notion of single combat which brings in memories from Thermopylae to Agincount was something that could be explored in a 7th-century Britain in which the British were fighting for survival.

When I began to look again at previous authors of historical novels I discovered that they have much in common with what some of us are doing now. First they are taken into the past by a genuine fascination. Of Sir Walter Scott, it was reported that "his interest in the Old Border tales and ballads had early been aroused and were stimulated by Percy's reliques ..."

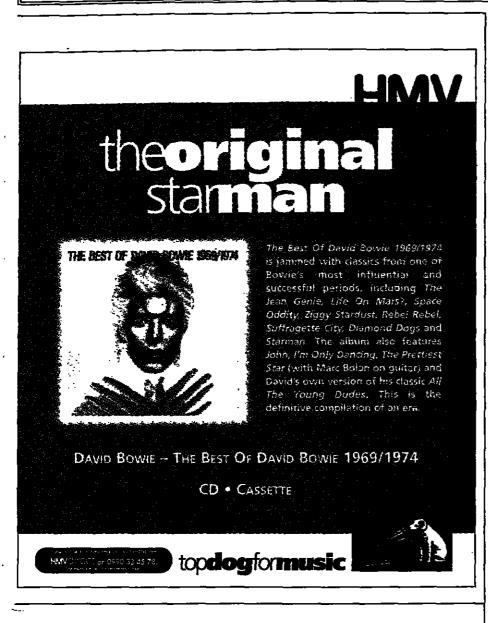
Scott gives us another purpose for historical novels, in his attempt to keep the past alive and make it inspirational for the present. Here the past is used partly for propa-. ganda, but this does not necessar-ily harm it as literature.

ometimes a novelist of even the greatest strength can find a different release of energy in the past. Dickens's fascination with crowds and mobs is well known, but perhaps he never unleashed it as fully as he was able to do in one of his historical novels, Barnaby Rudge, in which he wrote: "My object has been to convey an idea of multi-tudes, violence and fury; and even to lose my own dramatis personae in the throng."

Allied reasons obtain today. In Hanksmoor, Peter Ackroyd explores the idea of the recurrences of history, the cycles of events in

T mon advents particular London locations in Every Man for Himself, Beryla Bainbridge finds a contained and isolated world which allows her to concentrate wholly on the bounded passions which are at the heart of her fiction. George MacDonald Fraser, in Black Ajax, by detailing the savagery and blood of early prize-fighting in this country, not only vivilies that past but shows us what we wish to conceal about

ourselves now. It was The Spire by William Golding which, of all recent historical novels, first convinced me that the form had been dismissed by nothing more than the vice of fashion. When the two churchmen are talking about the model of the cathedral they might almost be chatting today — until the words. The Foundations. I know. But God will provide." God does and, by taking us back into our medi-eval past, Golding convinces us that God does, and so unites the spire painted by Constable to the dream which came from the faith now thought defunct. As historical novels once appeared to be.





"Predictable gimmickry and gross banality"? This is Vehicles by Angela Bulloch, one of the four artists shortlisted for this year's Turner Prize

UNSECURED PERSONAL LOANS Wednesday when he opens the Turner Prize 1997 Exhibition. A eane of angry artists plans to demonstrate on the steps of the Tate against the "trivial, banal, inane, predictable. vacuous and idiotic exhibits" and demand, in words of few syllables, Serota's resignation. And they are prepared for a fight. The protesters, a group calling themselves New Metaphysical Art, will tell Serota that he presides over a monster which, year after year, with few exceptions, tramples on art and progressively muddies artistic judg-ment". How, they will ask, "can you invoke the name of the great vision artist. Turner ... while the four fabricators shortlisted for the prize this

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The fogeys bite back icholas Serota, the director of the Tate Gallery, had better watch his back on

Joanna Pitman reports on the launch of a

high-powered protest movement against the kind of art associated with the Turner Prize

this," says Abbs. "All these predictable, tedious and jokey installation works are suppressing the ideas and imaginations of other young artists. There are of course some exceptions, but we don't like the status quo. The Establishment supports it all - the big collectors and the public galleries buy it, big business. sponsors it and the media hypes it and ends up establishing people like Damien Hirst with such hideous fame.

"But my main concern is with aesthetic judgment. I just don't think it is art. It doesn't embody any personal meaning, or any way of interpreting the world. It fails to symbolise. At best these are bits of data, concepts."

Visitors to the exhibition should judge for themselves, Cornelia Parker's ocuvre includes a man's shirt on a coat hanger "burnt by a meteorite", earplugs made from fluff collected in the ispering gallery of St Paul's Cathedrai and bits of silver cutlery dangled over the White Cliffs of Dover. Christine Borland will show leather "dolls"

containing replica foetal skulls. In one of Gillian Wearing's works, a video called 10-16, a dwarf is shown saying he would like to kill his mother. And in Workbench, the fourth finalist, Angela Bulloch, invites the public to sit on a bench and observe brown liquid flowing through a tube.

Barry Barker, a director of the Lisson Gallery which represents Borland, believes the Turner Prize will always attract controversy. These are substantial works and they express new ideas. There are so many preconceptions about conceptual art and this kind of protest is pure prejudice."

But following the storm of heartfelt disgust voiced last month at some exhibits in the Royal Academy's Sensa-tion exhibition, New Metaphysical Art appears to be bang in tune with a growing band who cannot abide the youthful hubris or brutally perverse candour embodied by many of these artists. What's more, artists such as Fiona Rae and Callum Innes are

yearning for a release from the manipulated frissons of the neo-conceptual vogue. Rae wrote in the catalogue to a recent show at the Saatchi Gallery that "it sounds so poetic and sad and out of date", to admit "you are trying to make some-thing ideal". And Innes, shortlisted for the Turner Prize in 1995, has said defensively: "I don't see any harm in saying I'd quite like to create something that's beautiful to me."

Iris Murdoch, another patron of New Metaphysical Art, told the magazine Modern Painters in 1993: There is a lot of terribly bad art around which isn't really art at all. There is a tendency to simplify, to offer a mere juxtaposition of objects. I think it is damaging to artists. People are lazy, they can't be bothered to learn difficult techniques, and they want to shock."

ut the snort and the sneer can become bad habits. New Metaphysical Art is not just out to knock the current art fashions. It has a constructive agenda and intends to hold conferences, to develop a programme of research into the "current negative conditions for the creation of profound art and to sponsor the commission of works of meaning that will attempt to explore the metaphysical state of human nature at the end of the 20th century".

New artistic talent and style cannot course be ushered in by verbal decree. But New Metaphysical Art hopes to "create an animating culture which will rekindle the inspirational conditions for the flowering of all the arts and a climate of questioning. reflection and appreciation in its audiences". The traditionalists are poised to storm the rebel citadels.

Polished to a lasting shine

WHEN the Polish composer Krzysziol Komeda was killed in an accident in 1969, at the age of 37, his loss was seen as a blow to the film world, for which he had provided a great many scores, most famously for Roman Polanski's Knife in the Water and Rosemary's Baby. If the loss is now felt just as keenly in the jazz world, his compatriot and former musi-

vear represent as in previous years

little more than predictable gimmickry

New Metaphysical Art launched

itself earlier this year from Sussex

University with a bold crimson mani-

festo blazing against the "progressive trivialisation of art, the uncritical and

endless use of parody and pastiche,

against the ironic and clever habits of

Post-Modernists ... and calling for a "new initiative in art making ... an art

which is defiant, passionate, metaphys-

ical and utterly inexorable".

The group is led by Peter Abbs, the

poet and Sussex University lecturer. Anna Carlisle, the choreographer,

Jonathan Harvey, the composer, and

James Schneider, the painter. It is also

backed by some weighty patrons including Michael Tippett, Yehudi

Menuhin, Kathleen Raine and the

"We are absolutely serious about

Estonian composer Arvo Part.

JAZZ

cal collaborator, the trumpeter Tomasz Stanko, should take some of the credit. On Litania, which has been widely hailed as one of the finest European jazz albums of recent years, he has made Komeda's music live again in its intended milieu: on the stand, as material for spontaneous re-cre-

ation and reinterpretation. What was so impressive about the performance at the Jazz Café by Stanko and his collaborators — saxophonists Bernt Rosengren and Joakim Milder, pianist Bobo Stenson, bassist Paile Danielsson and drummer Jon Christensen was the way in which they interpreted Komeda's music so as to accentuate all its considerable compositional peralities without compromisand their own freedom.

most attractive themes, Swantetic, the sextet imbued it with all the grace, lyricism and plangent melancholy most commonly identified as Komeda's compositional hallmarks. Their solos, however, were very much their own. Rosengren brought a swirling, powerful warmth to the band sound; his fellow tenor player Milder, by contrast, was attractively sparse and dry. Stenson provided moments of mellifluous elegance, while Stanko himself, his solos filled with a woozy sincerity leavened alternately by the odd virtuosic run or his trademark smeared vocalisations, brought a highly individual. but entirely appropriate. cracked dignity to all he

Beginning with a haunting

version of one of Komeda's

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Bows drawn at a Walton adventure

t was a prospect to glad-den the heart of all Waltonians: his concertos for violin, viola and cello, all within a single concert and conducted by one of Walton's most distinguished interpret-ers. Andre Previn. Any fears that it might all have been too much of a good thing were dispelled as Previn and his soloists - all of them London Symphony Orchestra section principals — realised the essential character of each work

The manuscript of the Viola Concerto (1928-29) was famously returned in the post by the leading violist of the day, Lionel Tertis, for whom it was written; he lived to regret his error, though not to record the

mood, dictated largely by the nature of the solo instrument, is one of melancholy. Paul Silverthorne's dark-hued tone set the scene from the opening bars. The sprightly Scherzo movement is placed second (each of the concertos has one in a similar position) and there is a climactic point in the finale, but the closing bars return to the poignant reflections of the opening move-ment. Previn's reliable ear for balance allowed the delicate tones of Silverthorne's viola to penetrate the orchestral tex-

Walton's featherlight or-chestration in the first move-

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Concerto (1956) - vibraphone, celesta and harp all feature prominently — enables the soloist to engage in soliloquy unimpeded. The Scherzo is more robust, but soloist and orchestra often alternate and, where they overlap, Previn ensured that Tim Hugh had no difficulty making his pres-

In fact, Hugh was commanding not only in passages of quiet reverie, but also on the ecstatic heights to which the music rises in its latter stages. This was a beautifully con-trolled, finely expressive

Finally came the Violin Concerto, in an eloquent reading by the LSO's leader, Alexander Barantschik. The work dates from a decade after the Viola Concerto, 1938-39, but the different nature of the solo instrument, perhaps coupled with the fact that it was written for Heifetz, resulted in a far more extrovert piece.

Paradoxically, the Violin Concerto is at the same time more virtuosic and more sweetly lyrical than its prede-cessor, and Barantschik's measured but always persua-sive account did full justice to both qualities.

> BARRY MILLINGTON

Songs of the heart

Schubert's last great song lycle is certainly getting the treatment lately, with zany recompositions, stagings, and even a film in the offing. To attempt, with the help of a fortepiano, to recreate something of the intense intimacy of that first performance when Schubert himself sang the songs to his friends "in a voice wrought with emotion" seems a modest undertaking by com-

Yet this, of course, is the fiercest challenge of all, and the tenor Philip Langridge and the pianist David Owen. Norris met it head-on. Confronted with formal rows of strangers in the spacious acoustic of St John's, Smith Square, they drew us in against all odds. The fortepiano was a reproduction Stein with a rare breadth of times: when the knee pedals went into action, the sudden hush was so extreme that the dream of a linden tree would all but vanish into thin air. and engagement with the voice was momentarily and

disruptively lost. This, though, is to carp. The icy brightness of the instrument, activated by Norris's minutely imagined playing. aptly lit the cycle's physical world, as a dark cloud drifting through clear skies found new, staring definition in the shorter, stark resonance. And

Philip Langridge St John's

the night music of In Dorfe took on new meaning: could that really be a little snore in the left hand as Schubert paints the sleeping village? This, of course, all belongs

to the outer world of Winterreise: the inner journey of the soul belonged to Langridge. He has come late to the work and, as one might imagine, there is not a trace of any Lieder-singing cliché or manner in his performance. It was, in the best sense of the word, acted out as tragedy from the first intensely imagined dark sighing at the back of the voice, to the breathless desperation of the songs of frantic haste, where even rhythmic definition and intosacrificed for the physicality of raw emotion.

A "voice wrought with emotion" would certainly make such sacrifices. And Langridge's determination stretch the aching arpeggio of Wasserflut to overflowing, his ability to make the whole body ache with fatigue in Rast, and his withdrawal of all colour from the voice in the final song's spiritual snow-blindness -- all made this a unique ly revelatory performance.

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VORTIGERN? The name sounds almost familiar. Is he one of those ambassadors in Hamlet who get no chance to say anything because their roles are cut before the first rehearsal? Does he fit somewhere into Cymbeline, or how about some hapless king defeated by the mighty Tambur-

None of these, although Cymbeline comes closest. He is the eponymous hero of a tragedy written by William Henry Ireland but purporting to be a long-lost work by Shakespeare. Presented at Drury Lane in 1796, it was laughed off the stage before the final curtain and has not been professionally per-

Bearing in mind that the production 201 years ago never managed to reach the climactic siege at the Tower of London — where the hero sees conscience - it would be accurate to say that Joe Harmston's production at the Bridewell is the first professional production ever.

Ireland was only 17 when he started feeding the contemporary craze for Shakespeareana with forged sonnets. speeches and love letters to Anne Hathaway. His success encouraged young Ireland to try his hand at a full-length play. Sheridan was sufficiently convinced of its merits to pay £250 to stage it. Mrs Siddons was engaged Bridewell -

came to doubt the play's authenticity and withdrew. Vortigern himself was played by John Philip Kemble, but two days before the play opened the famous scholar Edmond Malone pricked the bubble of its reputation and the scene was set for a riotous premiere.

The audience enjoyed themselves shouting "Richard III and "As You Like It!" whenever they recognised Ireland's sources, but after Kemble delivered the line "And when this solemn mockery is

have a theory that Arthur

Miller's 1950s classic is

really an old-fashioned

western that failed to

make it over the Brooklyn Bridge. Eddie Carbone is an

Italian blue-collar version of

John Wayne. He speaks slow,

he treats his wife like wall-

paper and he resents the two

illegal immigrants from Sicily who camp in his flat while

looking for work — especially the fair-haired Rodolpho who

sings like a chorus girl, has an interest in clothes and hangs

out with Catherine, his curvy,

17-year-old niece.
The raw drama of Miller's

play is the awareness among

all the characters of Eddie's

unhealthy obsession with his own flesh and blood. His

overprotective questions — "What's with the high heels,

gamey. His needling homo-phobia puts Robert Hands's

resilient Rodolpho on the de-

fensive. It is only minutes

before he starts swinging.
What makes the showdown

between Eddie and his daugh-

ter's new friends so compel-lingly lopsided, however, is that Desmond Barrit makes a

far better fist of Eddie than

purely comic actor, scrap them

now. He not only looks the part, he is the part. He is 280 pounds of sullen Brooklyn longshoreman and the set

takes its cue from his perma-

nently stained vest. A damp

haze hangs around the slowly

twirling fans and lonely light-

shades. A sweaty steel wall suggests the side of a ship,

while grubby wooden slats sketch the modest interior of

We feast on the misery in

Eddie's crumpled face as he

waits on street corners or

behind his newspaper for his niece to return with Rodolpho.

the Carbone household.

John Wayne ever could. Whatever illusions one may cherish about Barrit as a

So how good is it? Or how bad? Pretty bad. If it had into believing it to be genuine. then it might interestingly show what Ireland's conter poraries were inclined to look for in their Shakespeare. But it did not so it cannot.

The plot? Thus it is. Britain's king, feeling frozen age doth fast approach, appoints the good and noble Vortigern to share the crown. Disasters follow. The king hies him to a balmy soft repose and is promptly murdered. Vortigern's wife is troubled by lack of sleep: "I'll to the

poppy." Various children take

ended," prolonged jeering to the woods, with or without brought the performance to an accompanying Fool. But the play is a fascinating

(because old) fraud. The reversals of war go on a bit, but in elegant slow motion and finds a number of ways to animate the plot's frenzied developments. The cast speak the lines as if they were fine stuff, although Ireland had no idea how to build a speech that will tap genuine emotion. James Simmons looks far.

too intelligent to have been content with Vortigern's impoverished thought, but he holds himself well and keeps a straight face. I would not have missed it

JEREMY KINGSTON

A star to This week in THE TIMES outshine the Duke

We feel like voyeurs at the

kitchen table watching Leslee Udwin's Beatrice strabbling

around in a lather of humilia

tion and fear at the naive niece

who has unwittingly become

Drunk and desperate, Eddie suddenly kisses Rodolpho, It is

amazing to think that this act

caused the play to be closed down in London in 1956

Rachel Kavanaugh's period production makes too light of

the moment. Barrit's sardonic

snog fails to deliver any sub

versive charge of ambivalence

but the one he forces on

Eleanor Tremain's vulnerable Catherine is loaded with frightening intent. A moment

lost perhaps, but another

The tension dutifully

mounts. But, despite some

extremely fine support from Oliver Haden's lugubrious

immigrant Marco, who sends his pay packet back to his TB-

infested family in Sicily, Miller's play is beginning to look its age. This is brought home by the character of the

Brooklyn lawyer whom Miller elects to be our narrator and moral guide. Frank Lazarus

has the patronising, irrelevant

task of drawing our attention

to the moral sentiments - a

thankless role that has the

added misfortune of making the play look like a museum

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A portrait of a truly British vice

Angelica Goodden on Raeburn and our love for a likeness

The great Scottish por-traitist Sir Henry Raeburn has arrived in tion of his work which opened on Friday at the National Portrait Gallery already looks likely to be greeted as enthusiastically as it was earlier this year in his native Edinburgh. We are well used to this kind of enthusiasm: but what can possibly account for the British love of portraiture?

It was so firmly established in Raeburn's time (1756-1823) that a contemporary re-marked on how Britain had become a "scoff and byword among nations" on account of its obsession. In the civilised West, it is only the Englishspeaking nations that have national galleries specifically dedicated to portraiture: the three 19th-century institutions in London, Edinburgh and Dublin, and the 1960s afterthought in Washington. One wonders what special selfregard has fostered the art of portraiture here, while leaving it comparatively untended in state collections elsewhere. Or is self-regard not really the

point at issue? It would surely be absurd to suggest that the form of vanity which portrait-painting flat-

ters is peculiar to Western anglo-Only the phone nations, or that these countries Englishhave a stronger sense of the value of speaking the self than their nations have neighbours: although a case of this national sort could probably portrait be made in philosophical terms. Porgalleries traitists such as

Allan Ramsay and Raeburn were greatly influ-enced by the British tradition of philosophical empiricism. with its emphasis on the issues of personal identity, even if most of their clients were not. But when Ramsay -- commissioned by David Hume painted the Swiss Rousseau. the author of the greatest work of literary self-depiction in the French language objected strongly to the result. This was partly owing to his conviction that he alone possessed the key to his personality, but also because the power of visual

images never impressed him. The British fondness for portraiture seemed indecent to other foreigners, too. Grand Tourists shocked their Italian hosts by insisting on having their likenesses captured before they absorbed the greater artistic treasures awaiting their attention. Italian portraitists never made serious money from their own countrymen.

If native philosophy and vanity were not the sole causes of this preoccupation with visual biography, the ideological climate of the 18th century may account for it in another way. Britain had never promoted self-effacement as a moral and religious ideal as tenaciously as other cultures. Nor, once the days of iconoclasm were past, did it fear the ungodly implications of creating an afterlife through paint: for most sitters, portraiture was a down-to-earth commemorative act. Its very pragmatism, of course, explained both its popularity among ordinary clients - it was affordable and at home in middle-class surroundings and its vilification. It was too middle-class for some tastes,

and too British, utterly di-vorced from the elevation of the "grand manner". The portraitist Sir Joshua Reynolds, although knighted and elected President of the Royal Academy in London. was uneasy about portraiture's lack of dignity, and referred his fellow artists to the more glorious historical

mode favoured by the French. History painting may have seemed to some a fitter way to celebrate the essence of the nation, recording great deeds of the past, but it never appealed to the British: as Blake remarked, it condemned the artist to a diet of bread, apples and perpetual frustration. History painting lacks intimacy and hence approachability; it can hardly be collected and hung in the

Yet the 19th-century founders of national portrait galleries were convinced that portraiture had a public role to play, too. Such galleries may have been created to exalt individuals, but it was for thoroughly moral reasons: Palmerston remarked at the

time of the National Portrait

tion in London that seeing portraits of people who have done commendable deeds is the greatest possible incentive to mental exertion, noble action and good conduct. The trustees, perversely, also thought that portraits of villains and criminals might

Gallery's founda-

serve an instructive purpose. Both views, of course, now seem hopelessly naive, although the idea that images of the great and good may inremains a very potent one. It is merely unfortunate that worthiness, like other abstract qualities, is hard to depict in

aeburn was supremely skilled at capturing

men and women usually minor nobility and gentry - in the ordinary occurrences of life, where the distinctive features of character and psychology emerge most clearly. He also managed to convey the Enlightenment belief in the absolute clarity of the individual. The sharply delineated profile figure of the Rev Robert Walker skating, for instance, is as serenely autonomous as any modern in-line skater weaving through city traffic, if less threatened by his surroundings. But seen together, Raeburn's subjects illustrate the ideal blend of independence and the collective spirit, pri-vate rights and social values, that is also a major preoccupation of the present day. They are, additionally, a Scottish band, and their unassertive strength makes them worthy images of the new Scottish independence. In Raeburn, portraiture becomes modern

Dr Goodden's book The etness of Life: A Biography of Elisabeth Louise Vigée Lebrun was reviewed in The Times on October 9.

Currency speculators who underestimate Beijing's political will are taking a dangerous gamble

are, little Anglo-Norman law French survives in the late 20th century. It can, however, still be found in the Royal Assent to Acts of Parliament. Some conventional phrases survived well into the 18th century; when counsel rose to reply on behalf of the defendant in a civil case, he would open with the words, "may semble al contrary". "It seems to me to the contrary". I feel like that about the Hong Kong panic in almost

It is assumed that this crisis shows the weakness of Hong Kong: I believe it shows Hong Kong's strength. It is assumed that this is essentially a stock market panic; in fact, it is a bear raid on a currency. It is assumed that the issue is financial: in truth, it is political. It is assumed that this is a local issue, it is a world issue. In the United States, some people are arguing that the loss in Hong Kong will be a gain to America; what has been happening is at least as great a threat to the United States, not to mention Europe, as it is to Hong Kong and China. Most of the common assumptions are false. "Moy semble al contrary" indeed, but more significantly "Chinois semble al contrary" - It looks different to

that the Hong Kong dollar is going to be devalued against the US dollar are thinking financially. By their lights, all fixed currency alignments are vulnerable, because no two economies will permanently move in a experiment of shadowing the mark resulted in the boom of the late 1980s; John Major's experiment of joining the exchange-rate mechanism aggra-vated the recession of the early 1990s. The needs of the British and German economies moved in opposite directions at different times. This is a good argument against the Hong Kong dollar being permanently fixed to the

The dragon standing behind Hong Kong

American, and an even stronger argument against the European single currency, but it is not going to decide what happens in the next five

the issue from the Chinese point of view. October is only the fourth month since China took over the sovereignty of Hong Kong. If Hong Kong were now forced to devalue. that would be more than a loss of face for China, it would be a political defeat. It would show that China was not able to maintain international confidence in Hong Kong; that would damage Hong Kong as a financial centre and China's political authority. In these circumstances, the Chinese Government was bound to act as Chancellor Kohl did when he aligned the East German currency at one-to-one with the West. They put politics ahead of economic theory. I expect President Jiang Zemin will make that clear to the Americans on

The speculators are therefore taking China on as well as Hong Kong. If Hong Kong had still been under British sovereignty, the limit of the reserves would have been those of Hong Kong itself. There would have been no question of the Bank of England — which was not strong enough to keep the pound in the ERM — intervening to preserve the Hong Kong dollar. Hong Kong's ability to maintain the link to the US dollar is now incomparably stronger than it was under British rule. Stronger by the \$130 billion of China's foreign exchange reserves. and stronger from the support of China's political will. Speculators sometimes understand finance; they often misunderstand political forces. It is widely believed that the Hong Kong stock market is, or was, too high. Hong Kong property prices are high; the authorities, who aim to build 85,000 new apartments, want to

William Rees-Mogg

make sure that they go no higher. Yet a glance at the FT/S&P Actuaries

World Indices for last Friday shows

what the real situation is. Of the 28 stock markets listed, Hong Kong-China has the second highest dividend yield. Only Thailand is higher, and the Thai economy, unlike that of Hong Kong, is in real trouble. The United Kingdom has a respectable yield of 3.4 per cent; the United States has only 1.6; Germany has 1.4; Hong Kong-China has 4.2.

Hong Kong offers two or three times the investment values of the US market. China is the lowest cost and the fastest growing of the large industrial economies; 80 per cent of Hong Kong's exports are re-exports from China, based on Chinese labour

costs. Hong Kong has a real GDP growth of 5.5 per cent; China has 10 per cent, three times that of America. Hong Kong and China together have a current account surplus, and a ratio of debt to GDP, of about 12 per cent, a tenth of Italy's. The Chinese are entering a period of moderate reflation of the economy, and probably have two decades before their economy reaches the problems of full istrial maturity. China now has a \$40 billion trade surplus with Ameri-

Apart from the high dividend yield, Hong Kong's prospective price earnings ratio is now only about ten times, or less than half that of America. To match Hong Kong's price earnings ratio, the Dow Jones index would have to fall well below 4,000; to match the dividend yield, it would have to fall below 3,000. Yet Hong Kong has much better growth prospects. On any basis of valuation, Hong Kong shares are better value and safer to hold. If, as some Americans believe, there should be a panic flight of portfolio investment from Hong Kong to the United States, that would take investors out of the simmering pot into the fiery

There is a warning for the rest of the world. China-Hong Kong is the world's largest and strongest developing economy, with a good expectation of quadrupling in size over the next 15 to 20 years. Yet even Hong. Kong last week suffered a serious

which forced higher interest rates; and created a stock exchange panic. About 90 per cent of all foreign exchange transactions in the world are now speculative; the central oanks do not have enough money to cope with that. If this can happen to Hong Kong, what could happen to other countries with real problems?

The United States is probably near the end of a long, cyclical recovery, and Wall Street is higher than in 1929; the European Union is still deflating in order to merge the currencies of countries with unemployment averaging more than 10 per cent, and reaching over 20. South-East Asia has blown its financial fuses. All these economies are more vulnerable than China-Hong Kong. In such a world, one may wonder where future expansion will come from. Deflationary and speculative forces are stronger than the forces of expansion or stability. All the major regional economies have serious

othing important now hap-pens in the global system without affecting every part of it. It is an ungoverned system: there is no world economic authority capable of controlling irrational spec-ulation. China Hong Kong is proba-bly the most competitive economy on earth, with its best decades ahead of it Eventually, the Chinese will drop the dollar peg for Hong Kong, when the dollar no longer seems a good enough currency, the political will of China intends that should not hap-pen in the next five years. This political will, both in Hong Kong and in China, seems almost unlimited; it hubris for speculators to bet gainst the rising economic power of the 21st century when the world is so close to the new century beginning. That is like betting against Britain in 1800, or the United States in 1900. One should always show respect to

Clowning around with the euro

Mr Blair must learn from the

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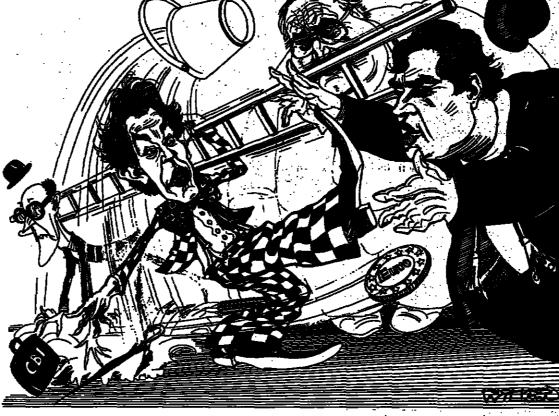
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ony, I was told by a member of the Blair inner circle, is "well aware what a disaster it's been". No wunder Tony Blair has appeared distracted at the Commonwealth summit. The confusion and recriminations of the past ten days have been about much more than the European single currency. crucially important though that is. They have exposed damaging flaws in the way that the Government is run.

For all the self-congratulatory talk in summer about a smooth transition, too many ministers and advisers have yet to make a full adjustment. They are behaving as if they were still in Opposition when media management and words mattered more than decisions. It is too often forgotten how many members of the Cabinet, including very senior ones, have not only never been ministers before, they have never had to take executive decisions of any kind.

That problem has been reinforced by the exclusive style of new Labour leaders operating like a revolutionary cadre on Leninist lines with a centralised structure. Policy comes from the top after being settled informally by Mr Blair and Gordon Brown in their frequent talks, rather than collectively. Mr Brown and his advisers have become adept at leaking new initiatives, often in a harder form than had been endorsed by the Shadow Cabinet: in effect bouncing

colleagues.
All these traits have surfaced in the single currency saga. The statement that appeared in Mr Brown's interview in The Times nine days ago was agreed informally just with Mr Blair. Other key ministers were not in-



volved in the wording of what was an interim statement in response to press stories that week. It was essentially an exercise in spinning; the report about single currency membership being ruled out before the next election fairly reflected what was said, but it is only part of the story. Media advisers and spinners tend to oversimplify. The distinction between a forecast that Britain would probably not enter in this Parliament, and a decision that it would not, disappeared. The Sun has claimed that Charlie Whelan, the Chancelior's press officer, suggested the headline "Brown Saves Pound". That would have been a ludicrous distor-

As will be clear from Mr Brown's statement to the Commons this afternoon, the true position is more subtle. There has been little real disagreement at the top of the Government. No one has seriously been urging entry in 1999. Recently, there has been an acceptance that the divergence between the British and continental economies may last until 2000. Mr Blair is reluctant to take risks over his re-election to a second term by holding a referendum on a single currency then. Hence, entry is unlikely in this Parliament. The argument has been about whether this should be firmly ruled out, or merely described as unlikely. However, the activities of the spinners may have made the latter politically impossible without undermining Mr Brown. To reassure the pro-Europeans, the Chancellor will say that business should use the "period of stability" to prepare for later entry, and he will not rule out the key date of 2002, when the euro comes into full operation. This would also allow time for public opinion to be won round. A referendum could be held soon after an election in 2001, depending on

whether economies have converged. This position -- cautious, but not unconditional, support for monetary union - has so far been obscured. The position is not irreversible, but serious damage has been done. Two of Mr Blair's key pre-election priorities were to create a new relationship between Labour and business and to give a leading role for Britain in Europe. Both have been jeopardised. Mr Brown's previously unchal-lengeable authority has been severely shaken. He will have to live for a long time with last Monday's picture of the Stock Exchange board with red minus signs. Nonetheless, he re-mains a pivotal figure in new Labour, its intellectual heavyweight, matching Peter Mandelson's skills as a political operator. The word from the Blair camp, not least from Mr Mandelson, is that "Gordon must be supported". Mr Brown prefers operating with a close group of loyal advisers who often seem apart from the Treasury, Senior officials claim. they are not listened to and do not know what the Chancellor wants (the same cilliplaint is also heard in the Foreign Office). But Mr Brown needs to be more trusting and integrate his inner group more with the Treasury.

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There are lessons also for Mr Blair in developing a more coherent process of policy formation. He likes informal discussions in his little office. next to the Cabinet Room. But the absence of formal records of meetings can - produce ambiguities about where he stands and what was decided - which, in part, fuelled the single-currency confusion. Although Mr Blair is in a commanding position in his Cabinet, even some of his strongest supporters have recently complained about being excluded. Correcting this is as much political prudence as constitutional propriety. Spinning also needs to be separat-

ed from policymaking. In Opposition, media management is the priority. But good government depends on considered policymaking rather than rapid rebuttal. Spinners should present, not make, policy Above all, Mr Blair needs to recognise that if he is to fulfil what he

says about leading in Europe, he will make enemies. He cannot both be pro-European and sceptic enough to retain the backing of a populist nationalist paper like *The Sun*. He and his advisers are too worried about losing such support. Even if entry in 1999 was not on, the Government might still have won a referendum later in the Parliament, and reshaped Britain's relations with Europe, and possibly also the British political landscape. Mr Blair may look back on October 1997 as a missed opportunity.

Last dance

APPRAISING young things wafting around in tights is no longer a priority of the Minister without Portfolio, Peter Mandelson: he has resigned from the board of governors of English National Ballet.

Members of the company are said to be bitterly disappointed at Mandelson's decision to step down only 18 months after he was appointed, the full term of office being three years. "He felt that he no longer had enough time for us after he became a minister," says a deflated deputy director, Richard



"All of our trains are running on time now"

Shaw. "It came as rather a surprise because he clearly relished the role and considered it an enormous honour."

Some suggest that Mandelson was deeply distressed by the death of the company's patron, Diana, Princess of Wales. The pair met through the company and hit it off when they sat next to each other at a dinner at St James's Palace. The Princess also had lunch with

Mandelson the day her divorce became absolute. It is thought that she once suggested to the Royal Family that it should employ the mercurial minister to improve its

image. Foolishly, they ignored her. Mandelson still enjoys observing a pirouette or a pas de deux but says that since becoming a minister, the position might prompt suggestions that he had a conflict of

Casting has already begun to find a replacement for the board, whose 14 surviving members include the likes of the presenter

Angela Rippon, and Pamela Lady Harlech, social etiquette lecturer to the boys of Downside School.

"We'd like to get another MP on

the board," says Shaw, "preferably one who likes ballet."

Final edition

THAT right-wing thinker John O'Sullivan, a confident of Baroness Thatcher, has told staff at the National Review in New York that he will be stepping down soon after nine years as Editor of the conservative journal. He is thinking of writing a book on multiculturalism, national identity and The American Question". Should keep him busy.

Size matters

THEY have extravagant tastes, these baronets. Sir John Baddeley, an accountant, has fallen foul of Horsham District Council for building too big a garage. Baddeley, who lists destructive gardening among his hobbies in Who's Who, faces enforcement action for, quite simply, destroying too much of his

Still worse is the animosity of his neighbours, a Mr and Mrs Munn. who have been monitoring pro-



ceedings from their frosted-glass windows. "We look out of our sitting room and see this enormous roof," says Mrs Munn, whose husband Ronald is a local magistrate. Sir John, hiding out in his London office, is unrepentant. "The rules are for people with little cars," he says. "We've got a big Volvo estate."

Huw and cry

BRUISED egos are moping around Millbank, the BBC's Westminster HQ. Huw Edwards, of Newsnight, is to become chief political correspondent at the Beeb's News 24, the round-the-clock news channel, So what? Well, the BBC already has a chief political correspondent, that old heart-throb John Sergeant. And he is not happy.

"Politicians will think that Edwards has replaced John," says a sympathiser. "John may not look like Brad Piu, but he is a bloody good operator."

Slim chance

IN A spirited attempt to control his fluctuating waistline, the Prime Minister has imported a rowingmachine into his bedroom at No II. The device - an ugly, greyish thing which emits strange hissing noises is designed to flatten out paunches such as Blair developed during a summer spent grazing on fole gras and wild-boar ravioli in

"He told me that he'd installed a machine by his bed," says Sue Walker, a gold medallist rower and recent guest at No II. "He seemed very interested in rowing." Well he might be. A half-hour session on his new machine burns up 200 calories - equivalent to just one spoonful of his beloved pasta.

● TWEAKING with staff timetables has failed to raise the profile of John Birt over at the BBC. A bod from Classical Music magazine, telephoning the BBC in pursuit of Birt's photograph, was surprised to be asked: "Which programme does





A date in Rotterdam: Francis Maude and Posh Spice

Rock on, it's Dry Spice

THE Purcell-loving Francis Maude, Tory culture spokesman, is the latest victim of the Conservatives' attempts to appear hip.

Known as "Dry Spice" in the Shadow Cabinet, Maude has been cajoled into attending next month's MTV Europe Music Awards in Rotterdam, where the Spice Girls, Oasis and Prodigy are tipped to win awards. Normally one to stand by any winning flag, the Culture Secretary, Chris Smith, is not attending. He blames boring old parliamentary business.

Maude's friends are astonished. "I thought Francis preferred a night in with a 19th-century novel but now I hear he has acquired an Oasis album," said one.

There is a small problem Maude was due to have a congenial supper with that old Tory grandee, Sir Archibald Hamilton Archie is not a man to alienate. says a Maude associate fearfully. But just think of the prize, Maudey (and wear some headphones).

JASPER GERARD



NO MEANS NO

Brown must offer a single message

It may be a chastened Chancellor who rises this afternoon to clarify policy on the single currency, but Gordon Brown should not be repentant. His interview in *The Times* nine days ago was an honest attempt to end speculation about entry to EMU. Since then, mixed messages from the heart of government have betrayed an unhappiness among ministers with a stance of such clarity. Several senior figures in Tony Blair's administration want it to be resolute for indecision, firm for flexibility. But Mr Brown recognised last week that keeping the option to enter at any time, far from showing prudence, would lead to paralysis.

Mr Brown spoke out because he did not want to see this Government, like its predecessors, weakened by endless speculation about the timing of entry into a European monetary system. The fundamentals have not changed over the past nine days and neither need his stance. Mr Brown does not want the energy of this administration dissipated by a focus on one European adventure at the expense of a broader programme of reform. A Government with ambitions to reform welfare, improve education and modernise the health service, should not hazard all on such an enterprise. It would be a momentous step to surrender control of the central levers of economic policy at any time, but to contemplate doing so during this Parliament would be folly; the triumph of integrationist ideology over genuine pragmatism.

Industry may be unhappy with sterling's current strength but the level of the pound reflects, among other things, the divergence between economic cycles in Britain and on the Continent. Even those committed to eventual entry must recognise that greater convergence is an absolute precondition and not only in the relative health of economies but in their structures. The economies of our European partners must learn from Britin's supply side reforms of the last two decades and liberalise further if the single currency is not to impose unacceptable

strains on them which would render the whole project even more hazardous.

None of these developments is a sufficient condition for British entry but they are, even for honest advocates of integration, absolutely necessary. It would be foolhardy to assume that any satisfactory judgment on either of these points, let alone sufficient progress in other areas, could be made in the lifetime of this Parliament. Once that assessment about timing is made then there is no profit in keeping it private. A Government which recognises that it would be dangerous to embark on early entry should not leave any doubt in the minds of others. Those opposed to this policy must not be allowed to promote further ambiguity. With candour can come confidence.

Some in the Government may argue that Mr Brown has little to lose if he leaves a small space for doubt. It has been suggested that the Chancellor might announce that he will review Britain's prospects for entry annually. Leaving aside the damage to the credibility of a minister who would have been seen to retreat from a position so recently staked out, such a course would only institutionalise instability. Every review would be preceded by the speculation in the press and on the markets, which Mr Brown is so anxious to banish. The price of maintaining a notional flexibility on the euro would be the forfeiture of the freedom to

concentrate on more pressing matters.

It is not necessary to oppose the single currency on principle to appreciate the wisdom of opting out now. Mr Brown's statement will, inevitably, reflect his desire to take Britain in, if at all possible, at another opportunity. The steps to make such entry easier will be spelt out with some enthusiasm. Many of them will be prudent in themselves. They should not, however, overshadow the most important message Mr Brown must communicate in terms which leave no doubt in the markets or among voters—the pound will not be abolished in this Parliament. No must mean no.

LOCKERBIE AWAITS JUSTICE

Cook cannot compromise with Gaddafi

Jim Swire, a spokesman for the British relatives of those killed in the Lockerbie bombing, yesterday voiced their frustration with the impasse over prosecuting the indicted Libyans. Using the occasion of a Commonwealth summit in Scotland, he called for a trial in a third country probably at the International Court of Justice in The Hague — as a way of getting the two accused before a court. His distress is understandable. It is now nine years since has been unable to persuade Colonel Gaddafi to send the two men for trial in Scotland or America. The two Governments and the Libyan leader have been waiting for each other to give way first.

President Mandela echoed Dr Swire's call at the weekend, but for very different reasons. He arrived in Edinburgh straight from Tripoli, where he was courted by Colonel Gaddafi, shamelessly exploiting the prestige of a visit by Africa's leading statesman. Mr Mandela insisted that he was only carrying a message. He did not claim that there could be no fair trial in Scotland.

He has allowed the Libyan dictator to

He has allowed the Linyah dictator to make mischief and issue propaganda as a diversion from the real issue: the extradition of those accused of the crime of mass murder. It is consistent with his preposterous claim last month that British Intelligence arranged the car crash that killed Diana, Princess of Wales, and Dodi Fayed, because Mr Fayed was of Libyan origin. He said he would hand over the Lockerbie suspects when Britain handed over its unnamed intelligence officers.

Robin Cook sensibly invited Dr Swire to discuss the case. The gulf between the

embittered relatives and the Government is unfortunate and unnecessary. They believe they have been caught in a political cover-up over the origins of the plot against Pan Am, and say that Britain should break ranks with America and agree to a trial in The Hague. Mr Cook explained, privately and publicly, the very real obstacles to such a plan. A trial could hardly be held under Scots law without a Scottish jury. Such a jury could not really be selected and then

sequestered abroad, possibly for months.

A Scottish court with a Dutch jury would be a "Tower of Babel" without any proper knowledge of procedure, Mr Cook noted. His final compelling argument is simple realpolitik: the American Government and most relatives of the American victims — who were the majority — would never agree. The Americans hold the bulk of the crucial evidence: without their co-operation no convictions would be possible.

The stalemate has gone on far too long. Mr Cook is right to look for new ideas and insist that he is not rejecting a proposed compromise simply out of dogma. He must make it clear to the relatives that there is no political cover-up, and open for them any evidence linking the bombing with an Iranian revenge attack. He is also right to listen to Mr Mandela and use him to attempt some fresh dialogue with Colonel Gaddafi when he calls in again on Tripoli on his return. On the central point, however, Mr Cook cannot shift: a Scottish court can deliver impartial justice. The accused must face their accusers, and if Libya continues to block this proper course it must face the threat not simply of prolonged sanctions but of increased sanctions.

WHEEL OF FORTUNE

Villeneuve's victory caps a classic season for Formula One

Motor racing desperately needed the season that concluded with the European Grand Prix yesterday. The sport had become dangerously predictable. The contest for the championship had lost its excitement. Man seemed to be secondary to the quality of the machine. The quest for technical perfection appeared to have eclipsed the human element. Even Murray Walker was beginning to sound restrained. Formula One risked becoming tedium at 200 miles per hour.

The showdown between Jacques Villeneuve and Michael Schumacher could scarcely have been more exciting. The Canadian's Williams and the German's Ferrari have fought an intense battle all season. The means by which Schumacher left the race - and attempted to take his apponent with him - will be the source of controversy. Nonetheless, as Gilles Villeneuve, the new champion's late father, once observed, motor racing is a body contact sport. It is all the more ironic that Villeneuve Sr met his untimely death on the mack 15 years ago while in a Ferrari. He never had the chance to secure the crown now held by his son. This is a highly improbable sport to have a hereditary class. But Jacques Villeneuve now follows Damon

Mill in that regard.

The contest has been sharpened by the characters of the leading contenders. Villeneuve, like his father, is in the flamboyant

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atypical outbreak of caution on the last lap, his style in the European Grand Prix had been that of his whole season. Villeneuve either comes first or crashes out. Anything else is the real accident. His triumph has echoes of the enthralling title secured by James Hunt — "Hunt the shunt" — 20 years ago. Hunt never came close to winning again. Villeneuve will have that opportunity. Schumacher, like Nikki Lauda in the 1970s, is the complete professional. He has taken an unreliable Ferrari to the brink of the title. He is paid approximately

tradition of an era past. Until the entirely

1970s, is the complete professional. He has taken an unreliable Ferrari to the brink of the title. He is paid approximately £1,000,000 per race and his team has had value for its money. He was let down by his car again yesterday. Even in defeat, he has nailed the myth that the driver is an irrelevance in modern motor racing. Damon Hill, unceremoniously sacked by a Williams outfit who apparently believed precisely that, will have taken some pleasure in his

old rival's performance.

Formula One will now pack up for a few fleeting months. Villeneuve and Schumacher will resume their rivalry again next year. Ferrari, after 18 years in the cold, may at last take the championship. Williams will attempt to maintain its superiority. Damon Hill will start with a new team and the support of the British public. This sport of playboys and professionals, on yesterday's form, will be all the better for it.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Public opinion as key to EMU entry

From Sir Michael Palliser and others

Sir, One of the key considerations in the Government's decision about when and if Britain should join the single currency is apparently whether the public would, after the issues had been fully discussed, endorse entry in a referendum. On current evidence, with industry, business and trade unions united around a positive position on EMU, such a referendum could and would be won.

The single currency has the potential to be a popular change. Contrary to some reports, recent polling shows rising numbers open to persuasion about the merits of EMU membership. A Gallup poll for the European Movement in July showed 74 per cent of people could be persuaded of the merits of British participation in 1999. Only 19 per cent were opposed in

principle.

A campaign in favour of the single currency which brought together business, trade unions, and politicians of all parties would be a powerful combination. Certainly, fear of hostility from certain sections of the press should not be allowed to stand in the way of a decision to join EMU as soon as practicable.

Yours etc. MICHAEL PALLISER (Chairman), GEOFFREY HOWE, ROY HATTERSLEY. GILES RADICE, CHRISTOPHER TUGENDHAT, ALAN WATSON,

STEPHEN WOODARD, SHIRLEY WILLIAMS, European Movement Advisory Council, 52 Horseferry Road, SWI. October 24.

From Sir Michael Spicer, MP for Worcestershire West (Conservative)

Sir, Your otherwise excellent leader of October 20, "Ins and outs", contains one error, namely its reference to "the requirement for unanimity on most of the major decisions of economic governance under the treaties of Rome, Maastricht and Amsterdam".

It is true that the Rome and Maastricht treaties demand such unaminity. Amsterdam, however, contains a "flexibility clause" designed to allow the most federalist countries to forge ahead without the consent of more reluctant countries. Moreover, any State judged by the other governments to be guilty of a human rights infraction can have all its voting rights suspended without appeal to any judicial body whatever.

Taken together, these two clauses amount to the decommissioning of the national vem.

Yours sincerely, MICHAEL SPICER. House of Commons.

From Dr P. Glaister

Sir, For my part, I am hoping that the EMU native to Europe will display the same characteristics as its antipodean namesake. Despite a profuse amount of flapping, it never succeeds in getting off the ground.

Yours faithfully, P. GLAISTER, 3 Instow Road, Earley, Reading, Berkshire. p.glaister@reading.ac.uk October 23.

Not me, guv!

From Mr Geoff Hoon, MP for Ashfield (Labour)

Sir, Since I spent the summer helping to prepare the Government's plans for fundamental reform of the legal system. I was surprised to discover that I had been "fingered" as a suspected source of the great Euro-leak ("The case of the murderous messenger".

October 25).

No caution was given. No rights read. My statement was not tape-recorded. Am I still presumed innocent before the court of The Times? It was not size, guv!

I will not get a conditional fee for my defence. Legal aid will still be available. I am sure that lots of lawyers will see my defence as an excellent opportunity to show their approval of the Government's plans for law reform.

Yours faithfully, GEOFF. HOON (Parliamentary Secretary, Lord Chancellor's Department), House of Commons. October 26.

Caught on camera

From Mr Jonathan Robson

Sir. Mr Tim Jackson (letter, October 22) suggests that drivers tailgated by others attempting to bully their way past should point a video camera at them to make them back off.

May I suggest an alternative for those who have no camera. Simply pull into the next lane to the left thus allowing the driver who wishes to travel faster to pass.

Yours faithfully, JONATHAN ROBSON, Girt House, Burton Bradstock, Bridport, Dorset, October 22.

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'Living wills' offer voice to the dying

From the General Secretary of the Voluntary Euthanasia Society

Sir, Mr Gerard Wright, QC (letter, October 22), says that advanced directives ("living wills") are "much cherished" by this society.

Patients already have a common law right to refuse treatment contemporaneously even though that may hasten death. In recent years it has been recognised through case law that this right has been extended to include an advance refusal of treatment by way of an advance directive. This has been acknowledged by the British Medical Association, amongst others. The Law Commission's draft Mental Incapacity Bill seeks to clarify the existing situation in the interest of

patients and their doctors.

Doctors frequently make decisions to withhold or withdraw treatment from gravely ill patients with or without their consent, as it is thought more humane that they be allowed to die. However, I believe it is important that patients should have the opportunity to make their wisshes known. This is only always possible if they draw up an advance directive while composmentis, to take effect should they lose the ability to make decisions.

In my experience many people, particularly the elderly, are given great comfort by signing and lodging an advance directive with their doctor. It is estimated that about half a million people in the United Kingdom have them

Yours faithfully,
JOHN OLIVER,
General Secretary,
The Voluntary Euthanasia Society,
13 Prince of Wales Terrace, W8.
October 22.

From Lady Engle

Sir, Mr Wright is clearly wrong.
If I am unconscious, it seems unlikely that I will "die in agony" when
described of budgation

deprived of hydration.

People making advance directives are asked to update them (by means of a sticker) each year. And, in any case, the form only becomes valid "[if] two independent physicians (one a consultant) are of the opinion that I am unlikely to recover from illness or impairment involving severe distress or incapacity for rational existence". When the time comes, the two doctors will obviously take account of the current state of medical science.

rent state of medical science.
Living wills are not part of "the culture of death", but part of a culture that allows individuals the choice of not being kept alive artificially in a state of degeneration and indignity.

Yours sincerely, IRENE ENGLE, 32 Wood Lane, Highgate, No. October 22.

The Lord Chancellor's intention to in-

troduce legislation to give legal valid-

ity to living wills represents real pro-

From the Director of the Natural Death Centre

tion ... will die in agony.

A study by Andrews and Levine published in 1989 (see Creative Endings, Natural Death Centre, p33) indicates the contrary: 82 per cent of the nurses surveyed disagreed with the statement that dehydration is painful for terminal panents; 71 per cent agreed that dehydration reduced the incidence of vomiting; 51 per cent reported a relief from choking and drowning sensations when fluids are discontinued; and 53 per cent agreed that dehydration can be beneficial for terminal patients.

Yeurs faithfully, NICHOLAS ALBERY, Director, The Natural Death Centre, 20 Heber Road, NW2. October 22.

From Dr Peggy Norris. Chairman of Alert

Sir, Mr B. J. Mitchell's suggestion (letter, October 20) that "mercy killing" should be a different offence from murder discriminates against the mentally incapacitated and the sertile. Such discrimination has already been taking place since the law loads' judgment in the case of Tony Bland-Rehement 4 1003

(February 4, 1993).

Since then, 11 more severely disabled patients have been caused to die by the withdrawal of food and finids, thus destroying England's record of protecting every citizen. There is evidence that other people too have died in this way, without their cases being heard in court. When 85-year-old Mrs Mary Ormerod died in a nursing home in 1995 she weighed under four stone, her special food having been

stone, her special food having been stopped on the orders of the doctor. Restoring the law on homicide which was altered by the Bland judgment is a matter of urgency.

Yours faithfully, PEGGY NORRIS, Chairman, Alert, Information on Euthanasia, 27 Walpole Street, SW3. October 21.

Cold War propaganda From Mr Michael Nelson

Sir, I agree with Robert Elphick (letter, October 24), that the Information Research Department (IRD) ought to be given due recognition for its sterling service in counteracting communist propaganda.

One of the reasons the IRD has not received the recognition it deserves is the common view that propaganda is a pejorative term. This view is held today by many in the BBC. But at the height of the Cold War the BBC was nothing reprehensible in drawing on IRD material for use in the propaganda war the BBC was itself engaged in.

war the BBC was itself engaged in.
In the late 1940s Sir Ian Jacob, then
Director of the Overseas Service of the
BBC and later to become DirectorGeneral, wrote:

General, wrote: It is evident that any country deciding to

From the Headteacher of North Westminster Community School

Age of consent

Sir. At a time when our nation is considering the arguments for or against bringing the current age for male statual consent into line with that for females, together with the steps that proponents for the change have taken to focus on this question, it is strange that no one has remembered how the legislation on the female age of sexual consent was triggered by a recently left pupil of this school's direct predecessor. Bell Street School, in 1885.

Marylebone was known as a "white slave traffic" area. Gladstone, then Prime Minister, appeared uninterested. W. J. Stead, editor of the literary and intellectual weekly Pall Mall Gazette, came to the street behind our Marylebone Lower House "to buy a girl". Lisa Armstrong was sold by her mother for E3, a further £2 being payable when her virginity was

Stead gave the girl to the Salvation Army (who still have a building in the nearby Bell Street) and himself to the police — and wrote up his experience for his weekly journal. The resultant public furore drove Gladstone to introduce the section on age of sexual consent into the Criminal Law Amendment Act of 1886, and thus define the current age of consent for females.

The girl who triggered that legislation was Lisa Armstrong, who had left can school a few months earlier, and was aged 12. She lived happily to bring up a family of her own. Let us remember her.

Yours sincerely,
MICHAEL MARLAND,
Headteacher, North Westminster
Community School,
Marylebone Lower House,
Penfold Street, NWI.
October 10.

embark on a service of broadcasts to foreign audiences does so because it wants to influence those audiences in its favour.

All such broadcasting is therefore

propaganna.

Ten years later, shortly before he became Director-General, Sir Hugh Greene devoted much of an address to the Nato Defence College in Paris on psychological warfare to a description of the BBC and propaganda. He did not hesitate to use the word propagan-

da frequently.

As we celebrate the BBC's 75th birthday we should not fall to recognise the BBC's outstanding service in helping to bring down communism through propaganda.

Yours faithfully,
MICHAEL NELSON
(Author, War of the Black Heavens:
The Battles of Western Broadcasting
in the Cold War, Brassey's, 1997),
21 Lansdowne Road, Wil.

October 24.

Favourite firsts

From Mr H. W. Harrison

Sir, I've been enjoying your letters (October 18, 20, 25). For myself, I shall never forget the (a) opening, and (b) closing lines of John Halifax, Gentleman (Mrs Craik, 1856) which I first read over 75 years ago:

[a) "Get out o' Mr Fletcher's road, ye-idle,"

(b) No, thank God, she was not a widow now.

And what a splendid movel that was! I still have my "Everymen's Library" edition, now rather worn.

Yours truly, H. W. HARRISON, 42 Thirimere Avenue, Allestree, Derby.

From Mr Cador Roberts

Sir, As a member of the British Hardware Federation, naturally I favour "Lee Chong's grocery, while not a model of neatness, was a miracle of supply." (Cannery Row, John Steinbeck).

Yours etc.
CADOR ROBERTS,
38 Station Road, Woodford Halse,
Daventry, Northamptonshire...
October 20.

Motoring madness
From Mr J. N. Farrow

Sir, What a good idea to hold the conference on rural traffic (report, October 21) in London!

Yours rurally, L.N. FARROW, Denham Hall, Denham, Bury St Edmunds, Suffolk, Orange 21.

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College fees and Oxbridge intake

From the Headmaster of Merchant Taylors School

Sir. The decision by Cambridge University, in response to the Government's threat to cut entra funding for college fees, that it is to increase by one third the mamber of students recruited from state schools (report. October 20) is ill-conceived. If Cambridge wishes to be more egalitarian, as opposed to merely appearing to be more egalitarian, it should seek to increase the proportion of students who come from low-income families. Reducing the intake of students, from independent schools maiscriminately may well mean that Cambridge becomes more socially elitist, as it replaces those on assisted places and scholarships in the private sector, with yet more children from the prosperous middle class, who are attending sixth-form colleges or grant-maintained schools in leafy southern sub-

erts.
If the Government is to provide extra funding to keep the unique Charidge tutorial system it should do so because it believes the benefits are worth paying for — and not because the ancient universities attempt to keep their privilege by bowing to political correctness in the selection of undergraduates.

Yours sincerely, S. J. R. DAWKINS, Headmaster, Merchant Taylors' School, Crosby, Liverpool 123 0QP, October 21.

From the Headmaster of St Albans School

Sir, On the matter of Cambridge University's expressed desire to increase; the proportion of pupils it recruits from maintained schools, may I applied the excellent good sense embodied in your leading article of October.

ied in your leading article of October 21. Quadrangles and quotes.

The analogy with the dissolution of the monasteries is apposite. However, one could sympatines make readily with the covartice of 18th contrary bishops faced with a monarch likely to cut off their heads than with the submission of a prood university to covert political blackmail by a baroness eager to choo off merely their college.

ordered's and Caushridge's claim to unique status rests on an absolute commitment to academic excellence which could not survive an admission system that discriminated on any grounds other than talent. One must also question the morality of discriminating against the offspring of feepaying parents who have relieved the State of the burden of educating their children at secondary level; they are entitled to expect equality of access for their children to the hadrer education system for which they have helped to.

pay.
Oxford and Cambridge are faced with a situation similar to that confronted by the direct grant schools 20 years ago. They could do worse than take a leaf out of our book. Independence has in no way damaged our academic standards.

Yours sincerely, ANDREW GRANT, St Albans School, Abbey Gateway, St Albans, Hertfordshire, October 21.

Status of teachers

From Mr J. J. Beere

Sir, Well said, the Reverend P. P. S. Brownless (letter, October 22). My teacher girlfriend gets into her inner-city comprehensive at 8am. After teaching a full day, covering for absent colleagues, supervising child-ren during breaks, attending departmental meetings and completing ediministrative tasks, she returns home at 6pm and embarks upon at least two hours' work preparing les-sons and marking books. She is a graduate of a fine university, has taught for five years and is generally recognised as extremely competent. She is currently paid a salary so derisory that she is ashamed to reveal it. The drudgery of her workload and the poverty of her reward means that she will be leaving the profession at the end of the year, irrespective of whether she has found alternative

employment.
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15) will not raise the status of this particular profession. Hard cash and
shorter working hours will.

Yours sincerely.
J. J. BEERE,
2la Westwick Gardens, W14.
October 22.

Bells are still ringing

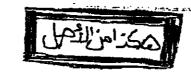
From Mr William D. Meston

Sir, I was amused to read (report, Business, October 21) that Stephen Pinner, Managing Director of Cater Deal, an execution only stockbroker, "had to pick up the phone for the first time in 20 years" because of the "pandemonium" when two of the new au-

transfed trading systems faltered.

Perhaps he could have a word with
my wife, who has sever put the phone
down for the last 15 years of marriage.

Yours faithfully,
WILLIAM MESTON,
II The Green,
Mistley, Manufagree, Essex,
October 21





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ard Hanbury Tenison).
The Prince Edward later visited

Haberdashers Monmouth School for

Girls and subsequently visited Mon-

His Royal Highness this evening held a Reception, followed by a Din-ner, for The Duke of Edinburgh's

Award in Wales on board HMY Brit-

October 25: The Princess Royal, Com-mandant-in-Chief, Women's Trans-

mandant-in-Chiel, Women's Transport Service (FANY), this afternoon attended the Ninetieth Anniversary Service of Thanksgiving and Commentoration in the Guards Chapel, Wellington Barracks. London SWI.

Her Royal Highness this evening attended the Ninetieth Anniversary Reunion Reception of the Women's Transport Service at the Royal Hos-

Transport Service at the Royal Hos-pital, Chelsea, London SW3.

October 25: The Duke of Kent. Vice-Chairman, the British Overseas Trade Board, this afternoon arrived

at Heathrow Airport, Lundon, from Seoul, Korea, Mr Nicolas Adamson

was in afteridance.

The Duchess of Kent, Patron, Aldeburgh Festival Anniversary Appeal, this morning attended a Concert as part of the Aldeburgh October Britten Festival at Snape Maltings Concert Hall, Aldeburgh, and was received by Mar Majesov's Lord-Lieuternal of

Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of Suffolk (the Lord Belstead).

PALACE OF HOLYROODHOUSE

October 26: The Queen this morning attended Divine Service in St Giles' Cathedral, Edinburgh, to mark edu-

cation and the Commonwealth, and

was received by the Minister (the Very Rev Gilleasbuig Macmillan).

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
October 26: The Duke of York,
Trustee, this morning attended Chapel at Lakefield College School,
Ontario, Canada,
His Royal Highness, Patron, this
evening attended a Dinner given by
Round Square at Appleby College,
Toronto.

October 2b: The Prince of Wales. President. The Prince's Trust. at-tended a "Commonwealth in Con-

renord a commonwealth in Con-cert evening at the Playhouse Theatre. Edinburgh, and was re-ceived by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieu-tenant of the City of Edinburgh (Mr Eric Milligan, the Rt Hon the Lord

October 26: The Princess Margaret

Countess of Snowdon was present

this evening at a Reception. Concert and Dinner given in aid of the Wavendon Allmusic Plan in New

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Queen Alexandra Dock,

PALACE OF HOLYROODHOUSE October 25: Mr Nelson Mandels (President of the Republic of South Africa), the Hon Serge Vohor Ritiuth (Prime Minister of the Republic of Vanustu), Mr Muhammad Nawaz Sharif (Prime Maintenant of the Information Sharif (Prime Minister of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan). Dr the Hon Kerth Mitchell (Prime Minister of Grenada) and Dr the Hon Navin chandra Ramgoolam (Prime Minister of the Republic of Maurinus) were

ter of the Republic of Mauritus) were received by The Queen this morning. His Excellency Maumoon Abdul Gaynom (President of the Republic of Maldives) was also received by The Queen when Her Majesty invested him with the Insignia of an Honorary Knight Grand Cross of the Most Distinguished Order of St Michael and St George.

and St George.

The King of Swaziland, Senhor Joaquira Chissano (President of the Republic of Mozambique), the Hon Dr Alfred Sant (Prime Minister of Malta) and the Hun Baseleo Panday (Prime Minister of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago) were enter-tained to Luncheon by The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh.

Her Majesty and His Royal Highness this evening gave a Reception for Ministers and Senior Officials attending the Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting at the Palace

The Duke of Edinburgh this morning visited the Commonwealth Centre Exhibition of Non-Governmental Organisations in the BUCKINGHAM PALACE October 25: The Duke of York,

Trustee, this morning visited Lakefield College School, Ontario. Canada, and presented The Prince

His Royal Highness this afternoon attended a meeting of the Lakefield College School Trustees. The Duke of York this evening attended a Dinner given by the Headmaster of Lakefield College School.

BUCKINGHAM PALACE October 25: The Prince Edward, Trustee, The Duke of Edinburgh's Award, today continued his visit to Smith Wales

His Royal Highness, accompanied by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of South Glamorgan (Captain Norman Lloyd-Edwards RNR), this morning visited the Cardiff Bay Developm Corporation and toured the Cardiff Bay area, which included a visit to

The Prince Edward afterwards opened the Astronurf all weather hockey pitch at Whitchurch High School, Cardiff.

visited HM Prison Prescoed, Usk. and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of Gwent (Sir Rich-

Birthdays today

Lord Ashtown, 81; Lady Baden-Powell, former Chief Commissioner, Girl Guides Association, 61; Mr David Bryant, bowler, 66; Mr John Cleese, writer and actor, 58: Vice-Admiral Sir John Cox, 69; Dr John Dingle, President, Hughes Hall, Cambridge, 70; the Earl of Dunraven and Mount-Earl, 58; Sir Paul Fox, former managing director, BBC Television, 72: Lord Glendyne, 71: Mr Glenn Hoddle, England (ootball team coach, 40: Sir John Huns. former MP, 68; Mr P.T. Hurst, Chief Taxing Master of the Su-preme Court, 55; Lieutenant-General Sir Maurice Johnston, Lord-Lieutenant of Wiltshire, 68: Sir Raymond Johnstone, former chair man, Forestry Commission, 68: Mr Nicholas Jones, director of corporate finance, Lazard Bros. 51; Admiral Sir John Kerr. 60: Sir Admiral Sir John Kett. 00; Sir Brian McGrath, royal equerry. 72: Sir Anthony Meyer, former MP, 77; Sir Frank Roberts, former diplomat, 90: Mr Leonard Rosoman, painter, 84; Lieutenant-Colonel Malcolm Ross, composite Loyal Chamberlain's Office. moller, Land Chamberlain's Office 54; Professor B.E. Supple, FBA. former Master. St Catharine's College, Cambridge, 67: Mr Chris

Today's royal engagements

The Queen will visit Chunghwa Picture Tubes. Mossend, Lanarkshire at 11 and open the new plant. The Duke of Edinburgh, as honorary member, will attend a Rotary Club of Windsor and Eton lun cheon at the Castle Hotel, Windsor, at 12.45. Later, he will present the Prince Philip Designers Prize 1997 at a Design Council reception at Grosvenor House at 6,30. Prince Edward, patron, Nationa Youth Theatre of Great Britain, will attend a reception and lun-cheon to launch the new sponsors for the theatre at the Royal Garden

Tavaré, cricketer, 43; Dr A.W.

Tyson: FBA, musicologist and

psychoanalyst, 71; Air Chief Mar-shal Sir John Willis, 60; Mr A.N.

Hotel, London W8, at noon. The Duchess of Gloucester will visit A Tale of Two Cities — Royal Copenhagen in London exhibition at Royal Copenhagen, 15 New Bond Street, at 6.30.

Arbitrators' Company

The following have been elected officers of the Arbitrators' Company for the ensuing year: Master, Mr I W Menzies; Senior Warden, Mr M H Hinton; Junior Warden, Mr J C S Mackie.

Nature notes

ON SUNNY, frosty mornings, some skylarks sing for a while over the fields where a layer of mist rises as the frost melts. Carrion crows turn over the clods on ploughland; if jackdaws come down to feed near them, they take care not to get too close. Lesser black-backed gulls also gather on the furrows, often on farms far inland.

Redwings have come down from northern Europe and will spend the winter here they have a red patch under the wing which flashes brilliantly when the low sun

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catches them in flight. They have two distinctive calls, a thin, high-pitched note, and a soft, nasal clucking. Most of the acorns have fallen from the oaks and the

and crumple. Sweet-chestnut trees are shedding their fruit the thorny outer cases split as they hit the ground and thenuts spill out. On hazel bushes hard green catking are forming among the brown leaves in the spring. they will be long, soft and yellow, scattering their pollen as they swing in the wind.

leaves are starting to wither

Beech trees are at their most colourful, with glowing orange and purple leaves, and a few green leaves still sprinkled among them

Private view Royal Over-Seas League

Royal Over-Seas League
Delegates of the Commonwealth
Heads of Government Meeting
attended a private view of the
annual open exhibition for young
Commonwealth artists beld yesterday at Edinburgh College of
Art. Sir Geoffrey Ellerton, Chairman of the Royal Over-Seas
League, and Mr Robert Newell,
director-secural, welcomed the director-general, welcomed the

Concert

Royal Over-Seas League The Royal Over-Seas League held a concert of young Commonwealth musicians on Saturday evening at The Queen's Hall, Edinburgh, Sir Geffrey Ellerton, chairman of the league, and Mr Robert Newell, director-general, received the guests at a reception held

Service dinners

Headquarters North Commander R.J. Butler presided at the annual Trafalgar Night dinner of the Royal Navy and Royal Marines personnel held on Saturday at Nato Headquarters North, Stavanger, Norway. Lieutenant-General S. Frisvold, Commander Allied Forces North Europe, and Mrs Frisvold were the principal guests.

Naval 8/208 Squadron

Professor Gordon Hodson was the principal guest at the annual dinner of the Naval 8/208 Squadron Association held on Saturday at the RAF Club. Air Commodore at the KAF Cub. Air Commonore B.C. Laite, chairman, presided. Squadron Leader M.P. Christy, Officer Commanding. No 208 Squadron, also spoke. Air Chief Marshal Sir Michael Stear, presi-

Royal Monmouthshire Royal Engineers (Militia) Brigadier A.E. Whitley, Chief Ener, and Mr H. Edwards, MP,

were the principal guests at a dinner given by officers of The Royal Monouthshire Royal Engineers (Militia) on Saturday at Great Castle House, Monmouth Lieutenant-Colonel P. Lodge Commanding Officer, presided. The Oncen's Royal Lancers

Brigadier A.A.J.R. Comming preided at a Balaklava dinner o East Midlands branch of The Queen's Royal Lancers Regimental Association held on Saturday at the Porte Post House Nottingham, to mark the 143rd anniversary of the Charge of the Light Brigade. Mr Terence Cross, treasurer, and Mr Kenneth Fletcher, chairman, were among those present.

Defence Postal and Courier Services

Major-General D.F.E. Botting, Representative Colonel Com-mandant, Royal Logistic Corps. and Mr John Roberts, Chief Exec-utive, Royal Mail, were the principal guests at the 50th annua dinner of the Defence Postal and Courier Services Officers' Association held on Saturday at Simp-sons in the Strand. Brigadier T. McG. Brown presided

Dinner

The Cavaliers The Cavaliers Club held a dinner on Saturday evening at the House of Commons to honour the Sri Lankan World Champions cricket team. Mr Tom Brake, MP, was the host. Mr Kingsley Wickremeratne, Mr C.V. Gooneratne, Mr Lakhi Liyanage, President of the Cavaliers, Mr Ivan Corea, Sri Lanka Today, Mr Christopher Martin-Jenkins and Mr Alan Comfort were among those

Marriages

Mr.J.L Leslie Melville and Miss E.J. Thorp

The marriage took place on Saturday, at the Grosvenor Chapel, London, WI, of Mr Jake Leslie Melville, elder son of Mr Hamish and Lady Eliza Leslie Melville, of Lochluichart, Ross-shire, to Miss Emma Thorp, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Geoffrey Thorp, of Guildford, Storrey. The Rev S. Hobbs officiated.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was al-tended by Flora, Arabella, Thomas and Edward Hussey. Mr Edward lames was best man.

A reception was held at

Claridge's, and the honeymoon is being spent in the Bahamas. Mr E.J. Powell

nd Miss P.H. Mobbs The marriage took place on Sat-urday at the Church of St John the Baptist, Little Missenden, Buck-inghamshire, of Mr Edward Powell, son of Mr and Mrs John Powell, of West Kensington, to Miss Penelope Mobbs, younger daughter of Sir Nigel and the Hou Lady Mobbs, of Princes Ris-borough, Buckinghamshire. The Rev D.R. Hemsley officiated.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was attended by Lucinda Mobbs, Anna Heelas, Miss Rosalind King-Irwin and Mrs Simon Astill. Mr Adrian Clarke was best man.

A reception was held at the home of the bride, and the boneymoon will be spent abroad. Mr J.A. Kennedy

and Miss P.C.A. Linebam The marriage took place on Saturday at St Etheldreda's, Ely Place, of Mr Alex Kennedy, son of Sir lan and Lady Kennedy, of Twyford, Hampshire, to Miss Portia Lineham, daughter of Mr and Mrs Edmund Lineham, of Farnborough, Hampshire. Father Kit Cunningham officiated.

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The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was at-tended by Gabriella Macpherson and Josephine Watts. Mr Andrew

Kennedy was best man, A reception was held in the Crypt of St Etheldreda's, and the boneymoon will be spent in Scot-land.

and the Hon Janie E. Spring The marriage took place on Thursday, October 23, at Chelsea Register Office, of Mr Richard Szpiro, son of the late Mr George Szpiro and of Mrs Szpiro, and the Hon Janie Spring, daughter of Lord Henniker and the late Lady Henniker.

Mr. R.J. Sprackling

and Miss A.C. Bullock The marriage took place on Sat-urday. October 25, 1997, at the Church of St Mary's, Bryanston Square, London, between Mr Robert Sprackling and Miss Anna Bullock

Forthcoming marriages

Mr N.J.D. Callens

and Miss C.A. Stramik The engagement is announced between Niall fames David

Cullens, of the British Embassy, Rome, son of Lieutenant Colone and Mrs David Cullens, and Caroline Anne, daughter of Mrs. Johanna and the late Mr Boleslaw Stramik, of Blotield, Norwich.

S.P.B. Kilpatrick and Miss A.K. Ridgway

Lientenant Colonel

The engagement is announced between Lieutenant Colonel Stephen Kilpatrick, The Princess of Wales's Royal Regiment, son of Mr. Terence Kilpatrick, of Tunbridge Wells, Kent, and the late Mrs Marjorie Kilpatrick, and Alexandra, daughter of Mr David Ridgway, OBE, and Mrs Ridgway. of the British Embassy. La Paz,

Mr A.P. Spiegel and Miss C.G. Longworth . . -

The engagement is announced between Adam, only son of the late Mr Sam Spiegel and of Mrs Max Stafford Clark, and Gay, second daughter of Mr and Mrs John Longworth, of London SWI.

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: James Cook, navigator, Marton, Yorkshire, 1728; James Macpherson, poet and politicism. Ruthven, 1736; Niccolo Paganini, violinist, Genoa, 1782; Sir William Smith, founder of Boys' Brigade. Thurso, 1854: Theodore Roosevelt. 26th American President 1901-09, New York, 1858; Dylan Thomas, DEATHS: Athelstan, King of the English 926-940, Gloucester, 940; Lascelles Abercrombie, poet and critic, London, 1938; George Mortand, painter, London, 1806 Lise Meitner, physicist, pioneer of nuclear fission, Cambridge, 1968.

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MARLEY - On October 20th to Rosemary (née Turner) and Graham, a daughter, intogen MAGILL - On October 23rd 1997 to Sophie (née Straker) and Patrick, a son, Rarry Dermott Charles, a brother for Lily.

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O'CONOR: On October 23rd at
The Fortland Hospital, to
Earen and John, a daughter,
Madeline Helen Jemina, a
sister for Constance. URNER - On October 11th to Jessica (née Price) and Grange, a daughter, Madelaine.

WEST - On October 23rd to Sally (née Beard) and Christopher, a daughter, Alice Kathryn

DEATHS

CHAMBER - Charlotte Hulda (Bunty) née Newsom, suddenly on October 23rd 1997. Widow of Cyrll Edward Deschamp Chamber. Strictly Deschamp Chamier. Strictly
private cremation.
Thanksgiving service at
Church of St Mary Virgin,
Henley-on-Thames, on
Friday October 31st 1997 at
3.00 pm. No flowers,
Donations if desired to The
Royal Star and Garter Home,
Richmond.

COMPTON - Elizabeth Ans COMPTON - Elizabeth Ann (Botty), passed away peacefully at the Albany Nursing Rome, Oxford on Priday 24th October 1997 aged 96 years. Funeral survice will take place at Oxford Crematorium on Tuesday 28th October at 315pm. EBERLEIN - (Andrew) John

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PORREST - Geofficer. Seddmily at home on 22nd October 1997, believed hesband of Joves, father of Angus and George and grandfather. Service at St. Cuthbert's Episcopal Church, Silvid Crescent, Hawick, at 2 nd. on Wednesday, 29th October 1997 Followed by private cremation. Family flowers only pisase. Denations, if wished, to St Cuthbert's Episcopal Church, Hawick.

GRAY - Etcl. Suddenly, as he would have wished, on Thursday 23rd October. MIRKHAM - Nancy on 23rd October 1997, Desity loved by her son Michael, and Sha, Martina and Oliver.

DEATHS

HUDSON - John Harold Solicitor, of Kennington died peacefully on 22nd October. Much love husband of Angela and father of Thomas, Anna Luku, Schedict, Elemor aus Alexander. Funeral Friday

ALEXANUET. FUNETAL Friday
31st October.
LATHAM - Lady Gwendoline
Lucy Constance Rushworth
on October 23rd sped 94
peacefully at Dorny Bousse
Nursing House, Sumlugdale.
Much loved and admired by
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October 30th at 2.30pm.
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MARTIN - On October 21st
1997 peacefully in Hospital.
Mary, dearly loved mother of
Ann, John, Peter and David,
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grandchildren and one great
grandchild.

Ann, John, Peter and David, also her twelve loving grandchildiem and one great grandchild. Service of Thanksgiving at Little Baddow Chunch on Taesday October 28th 1997 at 1230 pm, fellowing a private cremation. No flowers please, donations can be made to Little Haven Childrens Hospics c/c Rakers Funezal Service, Eves Corner, Danbury, Essen Tel 01246 225876.

MULLEMES - Arthur Vernon, died peacefully on 25th October 1997. Beloved father of Susan and Richoles and grandfather of Philipps, Edward, Lawas and Bohert. Private cremation. Family flowers only.

ROMERSON Heiem Clivin died peacefully at home on 28rd October aged 86. Widow of Bugh, beloved mother of Ricolas, Funeral Monday 3rd November at the Chunch of St Peter and St Paul, Lavenham at 2pm. All welcome.

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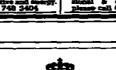
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OBITUARIES

Captain Roger Hicks, DSO, wartime destroyer a commander, died on October 12 aged 87. He was born on

n May 1940, in the desperate last hours before the Germans captured Boulogne, Roger Hicks, as captain of the estroyer Vimieru, played a promient role in evacuating several housand men of the 20th Guards trigade from the port. Of the group if destroyers sent in to try to rescue he Guards. Vimiera was the only me to return twice to Boulogne, which she did in the evening of May 23, 1940; and again in the mall hours of May 24. In doing so he took off 2,400 men of the Welsh and Irish, Guards, who were trought back to Britain to fight mother day.

There was something approprinte about Viniera's being emiloyed in this bazardous work. She
was one of the destroyers which
had escorted two ballations of the
brigade across to France in the first
blace. On Early 21 Viniera, under
licks's command, and the destroywhitsheld, had seen the 2nd Irish
buards and the 2nd Welsh Guards
and them supporting anti-tank
catteries safely ashore at Boulogne,
whose defence was considered vital
has a supply port for the British
expeditionary Free in the after-

the mouth of the German breakthrough the mouth of the Somme at eville, the revious day.

was alreay too late. Guderis panzer had by now an esistible omentum. Although GermavIX Corps war diary as to rord in and around Boulognahe enemy is fighting tenaciot/ for every inch of groun in order to prevent the arth harbour falling into German hands, the Guards really had their backs to the wall from the moment of embarkation. In spite of this, both the Welsh and Irish battalions repulsed several tank

But at daybreak on May 23, the

of Boulogne, from its French defenders. From that moment their artillery, mortars and machinegums were able to fire at will into the town and harbour. In addition, air attacks pounded British shipping in the roads.

Against this unpromising back-

Against this unpromising back-drop the Royal Navy was ordered in to try to bring the Guards off. In addition to Vimiera and Whitshed, four other British destroyers and several French ships drew in towards the shore and shelled German artillery positions and machinegun nests. But a heavy toll was exacted by German guns and bombers. The captains of both Keith and Vimy were killed on their bridges and the French destroyer Orace was sunk

Germans captured Fort de la

Creche, on the heights to the north

It was obvious that an evacuation must be attempted immediately and Admiral Ramsay, as Flag Officer Dover, ordered Hicks and the captain of Whitshed to enter the harbour. By this time the enemy were swarming into the town and as the destroyers went alongside they were engaging German tanks over open sights. Amid a ferocious exchange of fire, each destroyer embarked 1,000 guardsmen and carried them to safety. As they withdrew, the other destroyers came alongside and although all sustained some damage, hundreds

more troops were brought off. Darkness fell, and that appeared to be all that could be achieved. But Ramsay, at Dover, was aware that a substantial body of troops was still onshore. Although by this time the Germans were masters of the scene, he reluctantly gave the order that Hicks should return and attempt to rescue them. At 1.40am on May 24, Vimiera steamed into a harbour which had, after the tumult of the previous day, fallen strangely silent. In a feverish hour, during which her officers and men fervently hoped that there would not be a repetition of the German assaults, 1,400 more guardsmen

were surreptitiously re-embarked

CAPTAIN ROGER HICKS

and Hicks thankfully gave the order to slip and proceed to sea.

Vimiera was by this time dangerously overloaded and in addition was dive-bombed as she stole away from the French coast. But thanks to skilful ship handling she reached Dover safely. For his part in this audacious rescue from under the noses of the enemy of so many valuable fighting troops, Hicks was

awarded a well-earned DSO.

Roger Bertram Nettleton Hicks was born at St Columb, Cornwall, the son of an army officer. His father died in 1915 from wounds suffered on the Western Front. Hicks was educated at Winchester, where he was a War Scholar, joining the Royal Navy in 1927.

Thereafter, he served in the heavy cruiser Devonshire on the China station and in the light cruiser Danae in the West Indies. During the prewar crises of the Italian invasion of Abyssinia and the Spanish Civil War he was, first, standing by at Alexandria in the destroyer Firedrake and later patrolling in the Mediterranean.

In 1940 he took command of HMS Vimiera, in whose name hangs a small tale. The name first occurs in the Royal Navy in 1808, the year of the Peninsular War Battle of Vimeiro; after which a ship was (incorrectly) christened. The mistake was perpetuated in her successor, Hicks's command. (Another curious such case is HMS Curacoa of which no fewer than four have been thus incorrectly named after the Netherlands Antil-

les island of Curaçao, since 1809.)
Hicks next commanded the destroyer Antelope, which was sent to search for survivors after the sinking of the battlecruiser Hood by the Bismarck. He also helped to evacuate Norwegian and Russian coalminers from Spitzbergen.

In the autumn of 1941, Hicks was appointed to the staff of C-in-C, East Indies, who had specifically requested a young destroyer officer with command experience. Unfortunately, the tide of Japanese victories in the Far East and the

increasing importance of the Royal Navy's war against the U-boats in the Atlantic meant that Hicks was stranded in a comparative backwater at a vital stage of his career. He found histself in Colombo, latterly on the staff of Flag Officer Ceylon, until 1944.

Returning to lingland, Hicks commanded the destroyer Zest on Murmansk conveys and helped to evacuate Notwegian civilians from the Island of Sordy, then threatened by retreating German troops. For this, he was appainted an honorary Knight First Class of the Norwegian Order of St Olay.

this, he was appointed an honorary Knight First Class of the Norwegiam Order of St Olav.

On VE-Day Zest was at Copenhagen for a jubilizative lecture, and at the end of the war in the Far East Hicks was in Singlapore, in charge of working parties of surrendered Japanese naval personnel.

After further sea and staff appointments, in 1956 he took command of the aircraft carrier Warrior, which was to have taken the nuclear bombs to Christmas Island for the Pasific tests. In the event, the bombs were flown out, but Warrior acted as the general mother ship to the various naval units taking past on arrival at Christmas Island in March 1957, Hicks was appointed Commodore of the Operation Grapple naval task group, as its petative commander had fallen ill in Britain.

Taree tests were carried out over Malden Island, and on completion of the third, Hicks flew down to New Zealand, to thank the authorities for the loan of two frigates which had taken part in the operation. His last appointment was as Chief of Staff to the Commander-in-Chief, the Nore. He retired in 1960.

In 1964 Hicks returned to his native Cornwall, serving as a Bodmin JP and being active in a wide range of local affairs.

Hicks's first wife, Iris, died in 1941. He married, secondly, in 1946, Joan Say, and is survived by her, their daughter and son, and by the daughter and son of his first marriage.



RICHARD MASON

Richard Mason, novelist, died in Rome on October 13 aged 78. He was born on May 16, 1919.

ALREADY a well-known novelist in the 1940s, Richard Mason suddenly achieved notoriety in 1957 with The World of Suzie Wong, his famous story about a Hong Kong prostitute, who falls in love with an artist for whom she poses. The novel one of the runaway bestsellers of the 1950s, was followed by a play which had long runs on Broadway and in the West

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End. In 1960 it was made into a film starring Nancy Kwan and William Holden. All over the world, whether rightly or wrongly, the idea of Suzie Wong came to represent Hong Kong and the forbidden romance of its nightlife.

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Mason's first two books,
The Body Fell on Berlin and
Angel Take Care, were published when he was in his late
teens (under the pseudonym
Richard Lakin). These were
followed by his first great
success. The Wind Cannot
Read, published in 1947 and
made into a film directed by

David Lean and starring Dirk Bogarde, for which Mason wrote the script. Like many of his novels, this story of a British pilot falling in love with his Japanese language instructor was based on Mason's own experiences during the war.

Then in 1949 followed The Shadow and the Peak and, (after The World of Suzie Wong) in 1962, The Fever Tree. Mason also scripted various films including (as co-writer) A Town Like Alice (1956, another war story set in the Far East) from the novel by Neville Shute.

Richard Mason was born in Hale, Manchester, in 1919, the son of an engineer. He was educated at Bryanston where W. H. Auden, his English teacher, had an inspirational effect on his future career. In 1020 he joined the Boral

In 1939 he joined the Royal Air Force where he learnt Japanese. He was later sent to the Irrawaddy river zone of Burma, was issued with a Jeep, a tent and a Gurkha orderly so that he could seek out and interrogate Japanese pilots who had been brought down in the jungle. His years in Asia had a decisive influ-

sively in the 1950s, looking for animals to photograph. The two remained close friends even after they separated and divorced.

In 1958 Mason bought and restored a charming top-floor apartment in the heart of Rome. Then in 1960 he married his second wife, Sarette, and the couple moved to an estate in Wales where Mason

ence on Mason's later career

and, despite his military

chores, he managed to find

time to continue writing on his

Mason's first wife, whom he

married in 1948, was Felicity

Anne Cumming. She and

Mason toured Africa exten-

portable typewriter.

marriage failed, Mason returned to Rome, remaining on the best of terms with his second ex-wife.

In 1972 Mason fell in love with and married Margot (Maggie) Wolf, who was 24 years his junior. Their first child, a son, was born in 1973. Mason was so excited at becoming a father at the age of 54 that he spent the first night sleeping under his wife's hos-

bred sheep and discovered his

talent for sculpture. After this

pital bed. A daughter was born in 1977.

He gradually gave up his writing and lived contentedly on his royalties. He had a young wife and a young family, and he devoted himself

to them. With Maggie he hosted memorable parties for his friends, as well as extremely colourful children's parties. His 70th birthday party. which brought friends from as far away as Hollywood, Thailand and Australia, and Maggie's 50th birthday for which she cooked entirely on her own in a closet-sized kitchen, were supreme gastronomic feats. A popular guest at any gathering, Mason was known in Rome circles as un fior di galantuomo -- the perfect gentleman.

His wife and two children survive him.

PROFESSOR A. H. W. BECK A. H. W. Beck, Professor was elected to a personal used where exceptionally hig

A. H. W. Beck, Professor of Engineering at Cambridge, 1966-83, died on October 11 aged 81. He was born on August 7, 1916.

BILL BECK, as he was known, made important contributions to the physics and engineering of thermionic valves for microwaves, typically for use in radar, and later for use with fusion.

Arnold Hugh William Beck was educated at Gresham's School, Holt, and University College London. After graduation he became a research engineer at Henry Hughes & Sons, remaining there until 1941. Before the war he had been an active member of the Communist Party, but being a fierce patriot he soon relinquished his membership. He was also a member of the Association of Scientific Workers.

In 1941 he was seconded to the Admiralty Signals Establishment to assist with the development of microwave valves for radar, and shortly after the end of the war he went to the Standard Telecommunications Laboratories to take charge of all research on valves. Wishing to share his work with a wide audience, he published three introductory books, and he was soon recognised on both sides of the

Atlantic. In 1958 Beck became a lecturer in the engineering department at Cambridge, where his "Boy's Own Bumper Fun Books", as colleagues referred to them, were essential reading for research students. His move to Cambridge came at a time when teaching and research in electronics were growing apace, and his industrial experience was of great value in helping him to play a full role in both. He immediately started a strong research group on various topics within electron physics. He became a Fellow of Corpus Christie College in 1962 and was elected to a personal readership in 1964 and to a chair in 1966.

He wrote many learned papers (mostly with his research students), and continued to write textbooks, of which *Physical Electronics* (with Haroon Ahmed) was perhaps the best known.

In the early 1960s he devised and published the basic principles of a new kind of microwave generator, which used spiralling electron beams in a smooth electromagnetic waveguide. A low-power model of the valve was constructed and tested successfully, but because there was no immediate commercial use for it the work was not funded and was discontinued. A version was later developed in Russia as the gyratron, which is now widely

used where exceptionally high microwave power is required. Beck's early work, however, did not receive the credit it deserved.

Beck had a forceful person-

Beck had a forceful personality, expected others to work as hard as he did himself, and did not suffer fools gladly. But in those who made the grade he inspired great loyalty and affection, and he went to great trouble to further their interests. Many of his research students returned to celebrate his 80th birthday with a dinner in Cambridge last

His first marriage, to Margaret Stewart MacIver, was dissolved in 1938. In 1947 he married Monica, daughter of S. K. Ratcliffe, and he is survived by her and by her two sons.



University news

Unsisterly encounter: Suzie Wong (Nancy Kwan, centre) in a catfight with a fellow Hong Kong prostitute while an apprehensive William Holden steps in to break it up, in a scene from the film of Mason's book

John Panissonth Wright, Tutor in Economics 1935-90, Official Fellow 1955-90, Estates Barser 1935-97, has been decied to an Emeritus Fellowship from October 1. The following scholarships and prizes have been awarded to members of the college:

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Millard Exhibitions in Engineering: Sing Yong Kong, Christina Luk, Rachel Oliver.

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best first-class performance in a final Honour School: jointly to Heidi Aston, Antonin Machacek, Stephen Payne, David Towsey. Peter Fisher Prize in Physics: Antonin Machacek, Bellot Prize in International Law: Elena Segal. Donglas Sladen Essay Prize Kha-

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History: jointly to Melanic Peart,

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Christina Luk

THE TRUTH WELL HIDDEN

MR W.C. FIELDS SPEAKS TO CONQUER

Every connoisseur of film comedy must treasure the memory of certain moments in the cinema, moments which he can look back on with joy. Hopelessly trapped in the middle of a long row of amply filled seats, while some desperate drama of heroic passion unfolds itself, he may yet close his eyes and abandon himself to such memories, thinking longingly of Mr. Chaplin being forcibly fed on nuts—and bolts; of a band concert and an outrageous duck selling ice-cream; of the Marx Brothers playing bridge; or of Mr. Charles Laughton, with one magnificent gesture, acknowledging the gift of a million dollars.

To these must be added just the sound of Mr. W.C. Fields's voice. There is something about that slow, sugary eloquence which is sansfying and rare, an old-world courtliness and dignity belonging to an age in which even the swindler took some pride in his profession, as though to say, "I may be a liar, but at least I'm a gentleman."

Such is Mr. Fields. That hourse and

ON THIS DAY

October 27, 1937

W.C. Fields was Florenz Ziegfeld's star attraction from 1915 to 1921, and his measured, rather pompous delivery did not initially go down well in the "talkies" — but his time was to come.

persuasive voice, the grandiose and flowery speech, are unique in the cinema. He is an old-time showman still manfully holding his own in a world of wise-cracking salesmanship. He does not move with the times, but how magnificently he triumphs! It is almost with a sense of reverence that we watch him selling a publican his neighbour's dog or a yoke! a bottle of special tonic, good for man or beast.

bottle of special tonic, good for man or beast.

Mr. Fields can, we may readily believe, sell anything to anybody, convincing each client that what he offers is just the thing which that client cannot possibly do without. The most accomplished liar and brggart on the screen,

he can yet at times assume an innocence of expression which would do credit to a newly born babe; and when playing poker with those who believe that they have a "sucker" in their midst, he will turn up ace after ace with a slight start of pained surprise as though protesting to the gods that they should, thus favour one so guileless. Quick to grasp an opportunity, he is also quick to sense when trouble is brewing, and like all great showmen he know to a nicery the mortent when the prudent man stops talking and makes hurriedly for open country.

riedly for open country.

Once probably the greatest comic juggler of his day on the stage. Mr Fields did not for a long time achieve any great fame upon the screen. He has appeared intermittently in celluloid for more than 20 years, but his universal success is recent. In the days of silent films, producers saw in him only a slapstick comedian of moderate ability. With the coming of sound he did not at first fare much better than before.

Such stately verbosity was not appreciated in Hollywood, a city of twentieth-century showmen who looked askance at one from another era. But in the last few years he has come into his own and gained the recognition he deserves, although illness has unfortunately made his appearances all to rare.

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Preview: New sport-based show. On Side (BBCl, 10.40pm). Review: Sex and Chocolate rested on two

improbabilities, writes Matthew

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It may be a chastened Chancellor

who rises this afternoon to clarify

policy on the single currency, but Gordon Brown should not be

Lockerbie and justice

On the central point, however, Mr

Cook cannot shift: a Scottish court

can deliver impartial justice. The

accused men must face their

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NEWS

WPC's father accuses courts

■ The father of WPC Nina Mackay critcised the judicial system yesterday when it was disclosed that a man charged with killing his daughter had been given bail after being accused of assault.

Sidney Mackay, 54, a retired police chief superintendent, said: "My argument is that it is the police not the social services or the courts who have to pick up the pieces for the failings of society. At times like these they pay the price........... Pages 1.5

EMU stance 'will be made plain'

■ Tony Blair admitted last night that the Government had suffered a rough time over the single currency as he promised to clear up any lingering doubts today with a "definitive and detailed" statement in the House of Commons from Gordon Brown, the Chancellor Pages 1, 20, 21, 48

Frontline women

Thousands of women will be allowed to serve in the Army frontline in jobs such as gunners and engineers under plans to be unveiled today... ... Page i

Lockerbie threat

The Government was threatened with a Scottish petition if it continues to block a LockerbiePages 2. 21

Campbell in a spin Sidespin rather than the usual

topspin took over for Alastair Campbell, the Prime Minister's press secretary, when he took on the challenge of the famous St Andrews Old Course.......Page 2

Hoaxers' story

One Joseph Crabtree is being hailed as the greatest polymath in British history, but is not to be found anywhere in the reference books. Sadly, Mr Crabtree is a hoax. But behind the myth lies an astonishing talePage 3

Cot death warning Families where more than one

child dies in a cot death should be closely monitored for cases of severe child abuse, according to new research ____Page 4

Anne Boleyn's book

A book of hours, signed and inscribed by Anne Boleyn, has been discovered among a collection of books that the owner wanted to be valued to see if it was worth. ... Page 7

Cardinal's campaign ·

As anti-abortion campaigners staged protest marches and collected signatures on petitions, Cardinal Basil Hume called on the Prime Minister to convince the nation that abortion is ...Page 9

A bow too far

The ermined pageantry of the House of Lords faces a trimming as peers are urged to overhaul the bowing and doffing in the 370year-old introduction ceremony for new members......Page 10

Borderline crime

As Italy joined the Schengen agreement on free movement across European frontiers yesterday, an official gave a warning that organised crime was exploiting the relaxation of border

Home sweet home

Wreathed in mist and overhung by a transplanted forest, Bill Gates's \$60 million home is occupied at last, but still not . Page 12

Anxious wait

Washington was on edge awaiting the arrival of President Jiang Zemin of China Page 13

Macau 'at war'

Macau was on the verge of all-out gang warfare after the murder of the alleged boss of one of the biggest triads in the Portugueseruled territory Page 13

'Rose petal' espionage case

Rose petals sprinkled by a bridge over the Seine and a ciga rette packet placed by a traffic light: these were the alleged espionage techniques used by Francis Temperville, the French atomic scientist, to communicate with his Russian spy-masters in what prosecutors say is the most damaging spy scandal in France since the Second World War....



Two thousand sheep stroll through central Madrid as shepherds demonstrate in favour of ancient countryside livestock routes

New watchdog: The new regulatory body for Britain's financial services industry is formally launched tomorrow Page 48

Currency crunch: Foreign exchange dealers anxiously await Gordon Brown's Commons statement on Britain's position on European monetary union and the single currency...... Page 48

Zantac zapped: Less than three months since first being exposed to unbranded competition, Glaxo Wellcome's top-seiling Zantac ulcer drug has lost more than half its US sales to rivals Page 48

Liberty siege: Brian Myerson, the South African investor, has joined with the members of the Stewart-Liberty family to unseat chairman Denis Cassidy Page 48

Motor racing: Jacques Villeneuve won the Formula One world championship after surviving a collision that put Michael Schumacher out of the European Grand Pages 25, 27.

Football: On a difficult day for the top clubs, Arsenal lost the chance to regain their lead of the FA Premiership after drawing with Aston Villa, while Chelsea were beaten by lowly Bolton Wanderers ... Page 29

Tennis: Petr Korda neutralised the serving power of Richard Krajicek. the former Wimbledon champion, to earn a convincing victory in the final of the Eurocard Open in Stuttgart....

Rugby union: Newcastle maintained their lead in the Allied Dunbar Premiership......Page 35

Melvyn Bragg: "Are there any general reasons for what seems a sudden clustering of British writers taking up the recently despised historical novel?"......

Turner protest: A gang of angry artists is planning to demonstrate on the steps of the Tate Gallery this week against everything the Turner Prize represents......Page 18

Actor reborn: Whatever illusions one may cherish about Desmond Barrit as a purely comic actor, scrap them now. He is Eddie Carbone in a revival of Arthur Miller's A View from the Page 19 Bridge ..

Belated bow: Vortigern, written by William Henry Ireland 200 years ago, receives its first professional

TOMORROW

IN THE TIMES

The painter with a bad

temper: Paris honours

Georges de La Tour in

Why do French crime

inquiries so often take

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☐ Republic of Ireland: Bright or sunny intervals; perhaps a shower in west. Fresh or strong E to SE wind. Max 14C (57F).

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a new exhibition

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Thinking ahead: Does extra-sensory perception exist? Anjana Anjuna meets a scientist risking his career on seeking the evidence..... Page 15 Stoned in Jail: Drugs provide a mental escape behind bars. A charity is helping prisoners to kick the

Food in tashion: Fineboned, fragile and in fishnet tights, Claudia Schiffer talks about the opening of her new cafe, her career, and David Copperfield... _Page 17

Pakistan and Bangladesh: Special reports on two nations that have revived democracies and rehabilitated economies...... Pages 40, 41

It is one month since the first earthquake struck Umbria, and the reaction has illustrated both the merits and defects of Italian national character: there have been incidents of heroism and intelligence, but also of bureaucracy and inertia

— La Repubblica

10, 2L 27, 38, 40, 44. Borrus 34 Four shared the jackpot of more each. Twenty three won £108,164 each for five balls plus the bonus ball and 1,140 won £1,363 each for five numbers; 58,725 each won £58 with four balls and 1,098,830 won £10 each with three numbers.

accusers ... Wheel of fortune

Motor racing desperately needed the season that concluded with the European Grand Prix yesterday. The sport had become dangerously predictable....... ... Page 21

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WILLIAM REES-MOGG

It is hubris for speculators to bet against the rising expnomic power of the 21st century when the world is so close to the new century beginning. That is like betting against Britain in 1800, or America in 1900. One should always show respect to the rising sun Page 20

ANGELICA GOODDEN

The great Scottish portraitist Sir Henry Raeburn has arrived at the National Portrait Gallery in London and the exhibition looks likely to be greeted as enthusiastically as it was earlier this year in hi: native Edinbugh. But what can possibly account for the British love of portraiture?

PETER RIDDELL

Tony, I was told by a member of the Blair inner circle, is well awarge what a disaster it's been". The corfusion and recriminations of the past ten days have been about much more than the European single currency.....

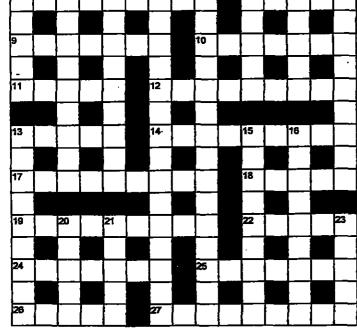
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Captain Roger Hicks, hero of the evacuation of Boulogne, 1940: Richard Mason, author of The World of Suzie Wong: Professor A. H.

LETTERS

Entry into EMU; "living wills"; Oxbridge intake; favourite first

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ACROSS I Chapter on tract in a wild south-

ern region (9). 6 Half-heartedly shuffle plunder

9 One deliberately deceiving old man about pound (7).

10 Peel's queen, perhaps (4.3). 11 Place near London where she resides? Not entirely (5). 12 Plenty of storage space here in

Herts home (9).

13 Serious novelist, by the sound of 14 Handy cleaners may have it at

their finger-tips (4-5). 17 Nutty flavour, to one chap, is awful (9).

18 Composer making record for audience (5). 19 Considers drink - tisane, pos sibly (9).

22 Employees retained by press chief to edit (5).

The solution of Saturday's Prize Puzzle No 20,620 will appear next Saturday. The five winners will each receive a £20 book token.

24 Cutter observed by crew (4-3). 25 Stupid description Dostoyevsky's hero (7). 26 See about artillery's retreat in good time (5).

Besides pork pies, a loaf is in store (4.5).

Maiden in island turned up for leisurely walk (5). 2 Bad luck, Head showing such

intractability (9). 3 Advert and article about purpose of plebiscites (9). Admit defeat and include the

5 One choir remains discordant, whatever happens (4,4,2,5). 6 Head of bank leaves local office for farm (5).

7 Shawl originally found in central Manchuria (5). 8 Beg honoured companion to go in for the high jump? (9).

be cut off (9). 15 As a performer, she may be winning on points (9). 16 Girl taking the female inside to

draw (9). 20 Sound style for a country house 21 Unpleasant name given to a place

of debauchery (5).

23 Gambled, securing diamonds, diamonds, and more diamonds (5). Times Two Crossword, page 48 - A MANAGEMENT COM 0336 401 740 0336 401 747 0336 401 745 0336 401 910 0336 401 268 OThe Met. Office

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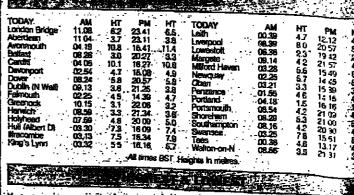
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CRASH COURSE BACKFIRES ON FORMER CHAMPION

Villeneuve rises above chicanery of Schumacher



Michael Calvin sees

the coronation of

Formula One's new king amid blazing

controversy in Jerez

day afternoon. He sacrificed are. At least he is consistent." thy. Those who came to canonise him stayed to condemn a fundamental flaw in

his character. Schumacher offered no apologies for his blatant at-tempt to barge the Williams-Renault of Jacques Villeneuve into a gravel trap, even if the stewards abjectly abandoned their responsibilities by main-taining the fiction that the collision, on lap 48 of the European Grand Prix, was no

more than "a racing incident".

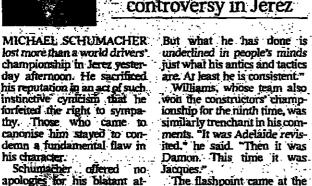
The global television audience of 350 million people will prefer to believe the evidence of their own eyes. As Ville-neuve said, after clinching the championship by finishing third behind Mika Hakkinen: "Michael tried to take me off but he didn't do it well:

enough.

Villeneuve was in philosophical mood. He was resigned to Schumacher's warped morality and placined by the natural justice of the German's aggression, which led directly to the loss of his chance of a third world title. Others, led by Damon Hill and his former employer. Frank Williams, were more inclined to apportion blame.

Hill gleaned a perverse, but entirely understandable, sense of satisfaction from Schumacher's disappointment. The incident had too many echoes of his misfortune in 1994, when he lost the title in an all-too convenient accident with the German on the streets of

"Michael showed his true colours and got what he deserved," Hill said. "I said beforehand that I didn't think he would do anything like taking Jacques off, because it Would destroy his reputation.



Dry Sac curve, where cars decelerate from 185mph. in seventh gear, to 50mph. Villeneuve attempted to cut down the inside and surprised Schumacher with his audacity in braking so late. Schumacher, seeing Ville-neuve alongside him, deliber-ately turned into him. His front-right tyre hit the Wil-liams-Renault, leaving slashes of exposed metal along the side of the cockpit. The Ferrari careered off the track, in a cloud of tyre smoke, and came

to rest in a gravel trap. Schumacher was less than two feet away from the circuit, but could only impotently spin his back wheels. He urged a marshal to push him out of trouble, but eventually accepted the inevitable. He slowly detatched his steering wheel, hitched a lift to the pits on the back of a scooter and stalked silently into the Ferrari motorhome.

He emerged only to face the stewards, who cravenly accepted the illusion of innocence. "I do not feel I made a mistake" Schumacher insist-ed, to widespread scorn. Significantly enough, Bernie Ecclestone, the pivotal influence in Formula One, said: "I didn't expect Schumacher to do something like that. I'm disappointed in the way it

Villeneuve's first instinct was to use sardonic humour to defuse the situation. "Either Michael had his eyes closed or his hands slid on the steering wheel," he said, before quickly

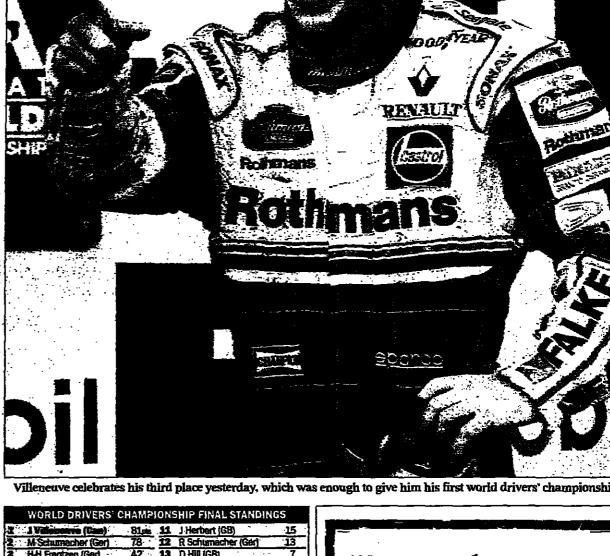


A dejected Schumacher walks around the Ferrari pit

recognising the uncomfortable realities of the afternoon. "I was not really surprised when Michael turned into me," he said. "I knew I was taking a big risk and I thought he had broken my car. It jumped in the air when he

banged wheels and it just didn't feel stable for the rest of the race. I was surprised I could finish the race but luckily he went off.

"He had only himself to thing, a miscalculation. I just



Villeneuve celebrates his third place yesterday, which was enough to give him his first world drivers' championship

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think I surprised him. I was way behind him when he looked in his mirrors, but I braked later than we both thought possible. Suddenly, I was beside him. I caught him

out, basically."

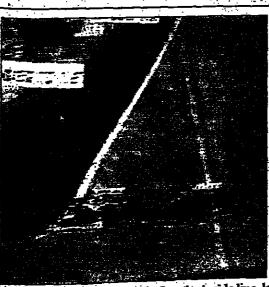
Third place, behind the McLaren-Mercedes pair of Hakkinen and David Coulthard, was sufficient to give Villeneuve the championship. A cannon, fired from the roof of a motorhome, signalled the start of a long night's celebration. "Jacques did a world champion's job today," Wil-

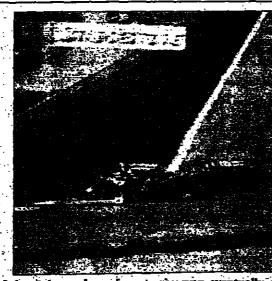
liams said. " I was more nervous than ever before, and he coped tremendously well." Coulthard said: "Jacques deserves the title," but Hill, the retiring champion, deserved the final word. "I'm so pleased for him," he said. "He is a nice man and what Michael did was unnecessary."

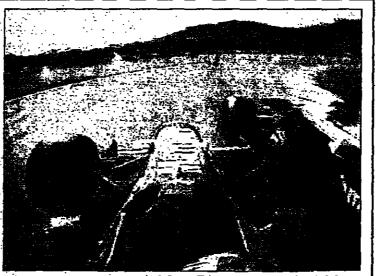
Few, even in the funeral parlour of the Ferrari garage, were inclined to disagree.

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Villeneuve brakes late and takes the inside line, left, but Schumacher refuses to give way, eventually resorting to driving into his rival, right, at Dry Sac curve on the 47th lap

Korda cuts Krajicek down to size

From Julian Muscat, tennis correspondent IN STUTTGART

to dwell occasionally. Such an approach would promote bafflement that Petr Korda was ranked outside the world's top ten, that thousands do not queue to watch him perform and that Korda, by humbling Richard Krajicek in the Eurocard Open final, was winning his first tournament in 21 months.

These details seem positively absurd in the light of Korda's performance this week. He outclassed Patrick Rafter, the world No 3, in the semi-finals on Saturday before playing Delilah to Krajicek's Samson in front of a spellbound audience here yester-day. So effectively did he neutralise Krajicek's strength that the Dutchman was beaten long before he eventually succumbed after 93 compel-ling minutes. "I didn't even have a break point," Krajicek said ruefully. "I didn't even have a chance to get a break

Korda, 29, is an enigma in every sense. The purest striker of a ball on the ATP Tour. he moves remarkably poorly. This is the man who dismissed Pete Sampras, the world No I, in the US Open - only to retire from his next match with a "head cold". If his natural talent should have already seen him stamp an indelible imprint on the game. separate operations to both sides of his groin may have

afforded him a second chance. It was Tony Pickard, the coach to Greg Rusedski, who bullied Korda, from the Czech

THIS is not a sport on which the scalpel. An in-built fear of surgery saw Korda play through 18 months of pain before finally relenting two years ago. People didn't believe I was injured, but deep inside I always knew how to play tennis," Korda said yesterday. "Tony will be a friend for life; he has done so much for me. Before he left this week, he told me to win the tournament. I owe him a good dinner after this."

Whatever the precise cause of his rehabilitation. Korda's return to the top ten after a lapse of four years is particu-larly welcome. The opening set saw this final threaten to descend to the realms of a hollow shoot-out until Korda snared a precious advantage. Krajicek had dropped just two points in his six preceding service games, but two more in the tie-break opened wounds too severe to stem.

That loss demoralised the Dutchman as much as it inspired Korda, who opened the second set with a blistering sequence of clean passes against Kraiicek's mighty service. The tide was irreversible, with winners flowing in abundance from Korda's racket. The disguise and accuracy of his passing shots made Krajicek appear as though cast in stone. He can hit a winner from any position," the Dutchman said.

Korda's victory, by 7-6, 6-2, 6-4, also went some way towards consoling Rusedski, whose second-round exit rendered him vulnerable in the race towards Hanover and the ATP Tour world champion-



Korda demonstrates perfect poise in negating the raw power of Krajicek yesterday. Photograph: Thomas Keinzle

ship. Victory for Krajicek would have hoisted him on to Rusedski's heels; instead, he lies in twelfth place, four below the cut-off point for qualification.

Rusedski remains in fourth place. A prominent showing in Paris this week — where Tim Henman plays Hicham Arazi in the opening round today will effectively secure the Briton's passage. The Paris event may have been weakened by a spate of withdrawals, but Korda will be there, waiting to ambush Sampras, his favourite prey, in the third round. On this evidence, Sampras will not relish their meeting one

Britain continue upward trend

ANOTHER year, another victory. On Saturday morning, Louise Latimer secured Great Britain's fifth consecutive victory in the Maureen Connolly Trophy when her 5-7, 6-3, 6-0 win over Jackie Trail gave the home side an unassailable 6-3 lead over the United States.

In the overall scheme of things, this annual under-21s' contest counts for little, save for the experience gained by the young hopefuls in representing their countries. There is no money to be won, there are no ranking points to be gained, but there is pressure

BY ALIX RAMSAY

hell hath no fury like a team-mate let down. Although the Americans fielded a team of college players while Britain relied on the best available talent, the matches still had to be won and Britain's greatest opponent proved to be nerves. Latimer took time to settle on Saturday, but once she had, she made it look simple and demolished Trail.

The result gave Keith Wooldridge, manager of women's national training.

ranking for the top six women in the country is around the No 150 mark - 12 months ago, it was No 350.
"We picked this side to try

and improve the players for the future." Wooldridge said. "It gives the girls a bit of self-confidence. We can use this as a building block in their

on the right track. The im-

provements may not be on the

scale of Greg Rusedski and

Tim Henman's achievements.

but the movement is in the

right direction. The average

SNOOKER

Rank outsider makes his mark

By PHIL YATES

DOMINIC DALE, who, at various low points of an undistinguished snooker career, has contemplated finding alternative employment, gave himself every chance of becoming the Grand Prix champion by establishing a 5-3 lead over John Higgins in the first session of the final at

Bournemouth yesterday.

Dale, the world No 54, was left needing only four of the remaining nine frames to be the lowest-ranked player to win a leading event since Ronnie O'Sullivan captured titles at the 1993 United Kingdom championship and 1994 British Open when ranked

Ignoring those who dis-missed him as nothing more than cannon-fodder for Higgins. Dale, quoted as a 100-1 pre-tournament outsider by the bookmakers, had the opportunity to take an even stronger grip on the match when he moved 5-1 ahead.

Potting vital balls and enjoy ing good fortune at timely moments - particularly when clearing to the pink in the second frame after escaping a snooker to pot the last red -Dale put Higgins under immediate pressure.

This showed itself in an unusually high number of unforced errors from the normaily reliable Scot, who could well have found himself 6-0 adrift had it not been for the excellent 61 clearance with which he stole the fifth on the

Even so, a 5-1 deficit was bad enough for Higgins. He responded by winning the closing two frames of the afternoon with breaks of 71 and 98 to move back into contention.

Higgins was encouraged by his finish and knows that his opponent still had some psychological bridges to cross



Higgins: unforced errors

before collecting the £60,000 first prize.

Jimmy White, no stranger to the disappointment of ending a competition on which he had pinned high hopes with an unexpected defeat, was afflict ed by an unfathomable inability to pot key balls when he lost 6-2 to Dale in the semifinals on Saturday night.

Over the course of the opening four frames. White aggregated only 50 points less than Dale and was responsible for three of the four highest breaks, yet still entered the mid-session interval 4-0 down.

Dale, commendably cool despite the alien environment of such an important occasion, claimed one frame on the brown, two others on the pink and one on the black. "Jimmy is everyone's hero," Dale said.
"Everyone thought he would win and he was under an awful lot of pressure.

White said: "I am frustrated because I just didn't compete." At least he will draw consolation from arresting an alarming slide down the Embassy world rankings, which saw him start the season at No 31 on the provisional list.

FINAL: O Dale (Wates) leads J Higgin (Scot) 5-3. Frame scores (Dale first): 73-0 57-44. 69-59, 78-17. 59-70, 81-31, 1-77, 0

ATHLETICS

casts aside her woes

TWO weeks ago, Paula Rad-cliffe learnt that the British Athletic Federation could not pay the £15,000 it owes her (David Powell writes). Last week, one of her big ambitions, to set a 5,000 metres world record, was effectively moved beyond her reach by the Chinese. Nothing for it then but to cast cares aside and run in the AAA of England national women's road relays.

A sunny autumnal day at

Sutton Park, Sutton Coldfield, was ideal for that yesterday. This year, Radcliffe has won the New York mile, broken the British 5,000 metres record, won a world cross country silver medal and placed fourth in the 5,000 metres at the world championships. Yet she said: This gives me as much pleasure, more even. There is nothing wrong with the sport here. It is healthy, judging by the atmosphere and number of teams. At least you know that 100 per cent of the people here are competing fairly and that is not something that, hand on heart, I could say for a lot of

This, though, was not a day to dwell on gloom but to celebrate. Radcliffe's club, Bedford and County, won the senior title for the first time. Raddiffe ran the fastest time of the day, 13min 55sec for 4,350 metres. Next stops are Barbados and Honolulu, where she will seek to make the money she needs for winter training, now that the BAF is in administration and she is out of pocket.

BASKETBALL

Radcliffe Royals seek American aid Nicholas celebrates

THE arrival of two new enough for Watford Royals. Stranded at the foot of the Budweiser League, where they finished in each of the past two seasons, the Hertfordshire club is without a win after 1) games of the present campaign and straining more than ever the league's leniancy in allowing them to retain their status.

Once a work permit is processed for Phil Powe, a 6ft Sin forward from East Tennessee, and the signing is completed of Cleave Lewis, a threetime championship winner with Worthing Bears, the Royals' owner, Vince Macaulay-Razaq, trusts that his club will be able to compete against

"It is quite clear they will make a difference," he said

after a 95-82 defeat at Leicester Riders on Saturday. Assuming that Lewis signs, he will be able to help with the coaching, which is presently the responsibility of Macaulay-Razaq himself, since, for the second season running, he has dis-pensed with his appointed coach after a mere handful of

fixtures. Surprisingly for a squad so down on its luck, the Royals' players are anything but resigned. Their spirit was personified by Ray Schultz, their top scorer on Saturday with 22 points, who, in three seasons with the club, has known nothing but strife. "If I didn't care, it wouldn't bother me so much," the Philadelphian said, "but I take each loss so much to heart."

Schultz inspired a thirdquarter revival when the Royals briefly looked like a team capable of breaking their duck. Adrift by 45-29 at the interval, they then employed a press, drawing level at 60-60 with a three-pointer from Jimmy Ratcliff. The effort took its toll, however, and they succumbed wearily to yet

another loss.

The Riders, who had ended their run of four successive defeats two days earlier in a 136-134 win over Derby Storm in triple-overtime, were led by Billy Singleton's 26 points. The Watford game was played amid rather less acrimony than the one on Thursday, when the referee, Mick Howell, was accidently struck by Brian Balser, the Derby player, while trying to break up a locker-room fracas.

outstanding double

FROM A CORRESPONDENT IN DEAUVILLE

Great Britain, added the European No I ranking to her women's US Open crown when she finished second, two strokes behind Loraine Lambert, of Australia, in the Air France Madame Open at the new Golf de Deauville course

vesterday. Nicholas needed to finish in the first two here to achieve her ambition, but, with three holes to play, she was five over par and six strokes behind Valerie Michaud, of France, with Lambert in the clubhouse on level-par 213 after a final round of 69. "I was struggling on the greens and told myself to give it a go over the last

ALISON NICHOLAS, of three holes," Nicholas, who conjured a marvellous three birdies in the closing holes,

said afterwards Michaud dropped shots at the 16th and 17th and took a double-bogey six at the last to finish joint-third with Shani Waugh, of Australia, one shot behind Nicholas.

Nicholas is scheduled to fly to Japan today for two tournaments, but will return to play for the European Tour side that will face the Seniors in the inaugural Praia D'El Rey European Cup match in Portugal on November 14-16. Marie-Laure de Lorenzi, of France, will captain the Tour side in a playing role.

Nicol puts career

SPORT IN BRI

before Scotland

II SQUASH: Peter Nicol, the world No 3, whose victories over Jansher Khan this season have made him the favourite for the World Open championship in Kuala Lumpur next month, in Jansher's self-imposed absence, has refused to play for Scotland in the subsequent world team championship (Colin McQuillan writes). England are expected to defend the team title in strength.

Scotland had high hopes, with Jansher also electing not to enter the team event to avoid a child maintenance suit in Malaysia. Nicol. 24, has told Scottish Squash that his individual career is too delicately balanced during this period to expend valuable energy in pursuit of a team title.

McGinley rules in Madrid

W GOLF: Paul McGinley, from Ireland, took the £75,000 first prize for winning the Oki Pro-Am is Madrid yesterday. McGinley, 36, shot a final round of 69 to finish 22 under par on 266, beating Iain Pyman, from Leeds, by four shots and Greg Turner, of New Zealand, by seven. Pyman's 64 Use Use Light from Weybridge, won full players' cards at the US LPGA final qualifying school tournament at Daytona Beach, Florida.

Watson does London proud

E ROWNE: Ian Watson, of London, the lightweight international, won the Marlow Sculls on Saturday with a sixsecond margin over Guy Pooley, of Leander. London produced a hat-trick of men's wins and the Marlow women did the same. One of the Marlow successes came for Kath Bishop, whose last-minute illness at the world championships in September probably cost her, and Great Britain, a medal.

Penalty winner cashes in

■ FOOTBALL: The biggest sum of money guaranteed to a fan in a football promotion - £167,000 - was won yesterday by the only competitor in a penalty shootout who nominated somebody else to take his kicks. Five winners of a slogan competition took part and John Flynn, 42 representing Finbarr Long, 45, from Cork, won in the third round. Ten-yearold Chris Squire went out in the second round.

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HOCKEY: CANNOCK ONLY UNBEATEN PREMIER TEAM AS THE WEST WITNESSES A RESURRECTION

Bhatti exacts revenge Taunton surge ahead

By Sydney Friskin

unbeaten side in the National League premier division. East Grinstead's stronger running, inspired by Bhatti, gave them a hard-earned victory and revenge for the earlier 3-2 defeat by

Southgate.
All the scoring was done in the second half. Bhatti put East Grinstead ahead from a short corner in the 58th minute; Attala equalised from a penalty stroke a minute later. Late goals by Speed and Barnes, from a penalty

AFTER Southgate's 3-1 loss at home to East Grinstead yesterday. Cannock Grinstead, who had beaten Teddingare on top of the table and the only

Cannock followed their 4-1 victory against Barford Tigers on Saturday with a 4-0 home win against Beeston yesterday. Canterbury, who had earlier beaten the title-holders, Reading, 4-0, defeated them again, 4-3, yesterday. Hounslow, having lost 3-1 to Southgate on Saturday, dropped to sixth after losing 4-2 to Teddington yesterday. Surbiton and Havant share the leadership of the first division with full

time avoiding relegation last season, but after a remarkable resurgence this year, they are level with Robinsons, the champions, at the head of the West of England and South Wales League. The Somerset side's 6-1 victory over Bristol University and Robinsons' 5-2 triumph over Whitchurch leaves nothing separating the two teams. Two goals by Alex Robins and further strikes from Ian King, Dave Phillips and Ryan Dudley steered the holders to their win, with the midfield players, Adrian Cheek and James Webber, netting two apiece

TAUNTON Vale had a tough time for Taunton, Matthew Berry and Paul Langford also scored.

Harborne, the leaders, nearly paid the price for a sloppy second half performance against Hampton but held on to win 5-3 and extend their 100 per cent record, giving them a three-point lead in the DTZ Midlands League premier division. Ravi Bharj scored a penalty corner and converted a stroke, Andy Litchfield scored two and Alex Bale completed the scoreline. Peterborough held on to top spot in the Adnams East League with a 3-1 victory over Bishop's Stortford.

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Canadian can lay claim to title of world's greatest driver after display of skill and nerve secures crown



The moment when Villeneuve knew he had become the world Formula One champion of 199? — he crosses the line in third place in the European Grand Prix in Jerez

Fitting reward for true champion

FROM MICHAEL CALVIN

JACQUES VILLENEUVE was the world Formula One champion. He looked out from the podium yesterday afternoon, waved at the crowds lining the parched hillsides of Jerez and struggled to contain emotions he could barely comprehend. He did not need victory for vindication, because the European Grand Prix was more of a oarable than a race.

Third place was enough to guarantee the title and generate a poetic sense of justice, but his forthright criticism of Michael Schumacher was suffused by a fleeting sadness. Villeneuve was reflective, rather than bitter, and was struck by unexpected feelings of gratifude towards the mechanics who wore vivid yellow wigs in his

It was as if his achievement was so complete, so personal, that he was initially insulated from its impact. He shared Mika Hakkinen's joy at his first win, appreciated the enormity of the controversy he had sparked by the overtaking manoeuvre that won him the title, but was drained by the sudden reversal of roles.

Conventional wisdom condemned him as an immature arriviste before the final race of a schizophrenic season. He finished it as a hero, a sup-

of the Me Generation. His McLaren pair of Hakkinen and David Coulthard past on the last lap, might have been made out of self-preservation, but it was being hailed as the epitome of sportsmanship.

"It will take some time for all this to sink in." Villeneuve said. "You see what it means in the faces of the team, of the people who are close to you. They we all put in extra hours to make this possible. They've worked at weekends, when they should have been at home with their families.

"it's been such a long season, the sort of season where you lose a lot of hair. There's been so much stress, so much aggravation, but now its over. Finally, the job is done. It's special, very special." Villeneuve could finally re-

lax, try to make some sense of it all. He has paid a heavy price for his individualism, but the title is the ultimate symbol of self-justification. Two years after becoming IndyCar champion, he has laid claim to the unofficial status of the greatest racing driver in the world.

Although any dispassionate judgment still cannot avoid the conclusion that he lacks Schumacher's mnate ability, his character, another area in which he was presumed to be



Coulthard, left, and Hakkinen raise Villeneuve aloft

morning, when the pair sat

next to each other for the

traditional group photograph.
The Canadian looked pensive

before he climbed into his car

and stared out of his crash

helmet with watery eyes that

emphasised his relative youth.

hardly helped by a poor start.

His mental equilibrium was

weak, proved to be surprisingly durable. The momentum of the psychological battle, set by the unique parity of a qualifying session that could not separate the championship rivals, was irresistible.

Schumacher was deliberatedistant, aloof. He pointedly ignored Villeneuve yesterday the grid, laughing with his pit crew, was alongside him within 100 metres. Villeneuve, who had suffered from excessive wheelspin from the line, erred on the side of caution and even allowed his team-mate, Heinz-Harald Frentzen, past before the first bend. Frentzen, like Eddie Irvine,

the epitome of self-control on

On lap 48, he was, to use the

Frank Williams, " in the right

Schumacher's repuation

will be forever stained by his

response to Villenueve's fate-

ful challenge at the Dry Sac curve, but Villenueve had to

contain the eccentricities of a damaged car before he could

Fair, indeed. As the sun

began to set, Villeneuve was

visited by a succession of drivers in the Williams

motorhome. They were led by

Damon Hill, who knew, better

than anyone, the way that his

mind was racing and his body

was pleading for mercy. It is,

the former champion will

confirm, the sweetest feeling

fair exchange."

place at the right time".

Schumacher's partner at Ferrari, was to be of minimal consequence. He gave way to Villeneuve on the eighth lap, by which time Schumacher had built a lead of 4.3sec, and the cars quickly became in-struments of the rivals' will They traded fastest laps, worked at optimum efficiency in what developed into a trial

"It became such a physical race," Villeneuve said. "We were just pushing, pushing, pushing. It was like a succession of qualifying laps." His efforts were not in vain. because soon after the first round of pit stops, he was in Schumacher's slipstream. Their duel was a succession of feints and parries, swordplay

Villeneuve was unforgivably blocked by the Sauber of Norbert Fontana, but that

Bare-faced cheek of blaming Villeneuve FROM ROB HUGHES IN JEREZ

spon, with Michael Schumacher's stricken Ferrari immovable in the sand the heads dropped in the Ferrari pit. They had spent 47 laps admiring their potential world champion driver. they had, as professionals in such a dangerous game must. tried to suppress the pride and the euphoria that was visible in their flushed cheeks. And then, in what they would deny was a moment of attempted cheating, the prize was given

way. Et tu, Schumacher? It took two hours and 20 minutes after the collision, hours in Schumacher was which marched into the stewards room and marched out again, apparently exonerated, for him to speak. And then, bare-faced, he actually turned the blame on Jacques Villeneuve. There have been more happy days in my life." Schumacher admitted. "I congratulate him, he did a good season and at the end of the day he has the result. But a mistake? Me?

"I braked on the maximum he braked even later. With this braking point, I wouldn't have made the corner, he wouldn't have made the corner ... he used me a little bit as a brake. In the same circumstances, I wouldn't do anything different. If I had not been there, he would have gone a little bit into the grass." Astounding, foul words to camouflage a foul deed that

complete the job. In such circumstances, what would have been his eighth victory of back-fired. the season was an irrelevance. Schumacher is, in my view, Hakkinen overtook Coulwithout peer as a racing thard on the penultimate lap driver; he had shown it for lap and, once he was within range after lap, once again drawing of the leader, who had been a masterly veil over the fact warned of the proximity of that Ferrari is not yet the Irvine, took full advantage of equal of Williams. But then, his unexpected opportunity. "I as Frank Williams, who visitwanted to win the championed Schumacher in his motor ship," Villeneuve said. "Mika home after the race, darkly said: "It was Adelaide rewanted his first win. It was a

Worse things were said behind the pit lane. Italian supporters are more fickle than most and those who have been blessing Schumacher all season for making their famous marque so competitive were now devastating in recrimination: "He's a hooligan, and a German!" one said. He was not actually wearing Ferrari uniform, but was a follower nevertheless.

Meanwhile, up to that "incident", the Ferrari pit had been a privilege to share. After 18 filled from the first, supreme moment on the grid, where Villeneuve conceded that his

rival was phenomenal. That start from Schumacher, so smooth, so expert, so balanced in releasing the power of combustion, brought relief and hope and longing.

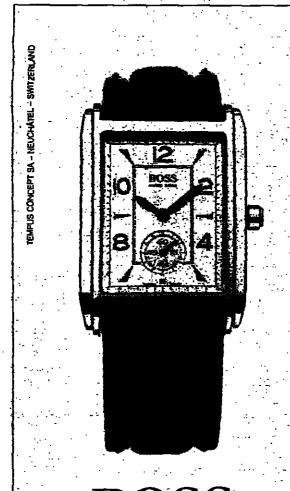
Jean Todt, the little Napoleonic Frenchman who oversees Ferrari's racing team, had an air of sudden serenity. He can look like a man permanently waiting in the dentist's chair, a man who trusts nothing, who fears the next corner in

He, and we, had seen and heard incredible things this weekend in Jerez. There had been the unique exactness of three drivers - Villeneuve, Schumacher and Heinz-Harald Frentzen - each clocking the same time, indi-

We felt we had heard it all until Schumacher's justification for his villainy'

visible to the point of thousandth of a second, in qualifying. There had been Max Mosley, the president of the FIA, pronouncing "Formula than athletics - because athletes also put carbon monoxide into the air and don't put

anything back." We felt we had heard it all until Schumacher's justification for his villainy. The words about braking exclude entirely the action of a man who seemed deliberately to steer his car into that of his main competitor when Villeneuve, bravely, daringly, competitively, darted inside him. The stewards have shirked their responsibility, their duty to a sport in which the protagonists must be prevented from making such a blatant effort to put a rival out of the contest. Without sharing the Italian's racist connotation, one is left with some sympathy for the use of the



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THE RACE FOR THE WORLD DRIVERS' CHAMPIONSHIP A Wing (Austria) J.Tredii 19

n Maranello, the home of Ferrari, 40,000 people had gathered in the L town square yesterday. They included Romano Prodi, Italy's highest representative in parliament, and Don Alberto Bernardoni, Maranello's representative to heaven. Prime Minister Prodi left the town hall and was gone from Maranello soon after "the incident", while the priest, Bernardoni, had to abandon some care-

fully-laid plans.

He had pledged that on November 9, Italy's Thanksgiving Day, he would place a scale model of a Ferrari on the altar of the church at Maranello, where he has just replaced a priest who died in a car crash. Don Bernardoni, listening to "la musica del Motore" the music that is the Ferrari engine, had also promised peals of bells for three days and three nights, to count the Ferrari workers in at 8am and

As if by some invisible umbilical cord. when the music stopped at Jerez, Placido Domingo, one of the more visible guests of Ferrari, lamented: "Now it will be difficult for me to sing Vincero. a song written by Pucini, with the message: 1 will

In the afternoon, the deflation as Michael Schumacher's car sank into the **Rob Hughes** reflects on the Italian town

driven to distraction

pit was mirrored by tears in the crowded

Maranello square of Piazza Libertà. The Perrari friends, rich and poor, well lubricated by free Lambrusco, had literally the urge to paint their square red. They brought a 250 square-metre Ferrari flag, they parked four kilometres from the town and walked, they decorated every window in Ferrari red. And their voices could be heard ten kilometres away, along the Modena road, where Luciano Pavarotti, that other tenor, has a

Maranello, total population 15,000, was dressed for the day of reckoning and as far away as Berne, in Switzerland, members of the local Ferrari Club were revving up their engines, their intention. had Schumacher managed to keep his car on the track, to drive down to join the party departing one second after the

chequered flag. Outside the crowded town, it is reckoned that Italy will have had its biggest television audience since 24 million watched the 1994 World Cup final between Brazil and Italy. That, too, ended in tears ... and one wonders how many were listening when the message finally came from Schumacher to his adopted

Î just want to say *grazi* to all *tifosi* for all their support." The tifosi, the most committed, emotional and impassioned fans of anything that moves on four Schumacher promised: "We believe we have given them reason to be happy. As a team we have been, in my view, number one in the whole world. I hope they support us again next season, because I believe that, if we can be competitive from the start, the final day will be much more exciting, more happy for us to share than

A symbol of privilege, in the sense that he drives under the prancing horse banner that is adored beyond racing confidence, and yet eternally arrogant, Schumacher finally admitted: "We are human, both of us the and Villeneuvel can make mistakes. I was very satisfied until that moment, and I hope to satisfy the



FOR YOUR NEAREST BOSS Hugo Boss Watch STOCKIST TELEPHONE 01428 656822 Email: BOSS_Hugo_Boss@swico.co.uk Premiership new boys humbled as champions scale new heights

Barnsley perish on United's peak



MANCHESTER UNITED 7 **BARNSLEY 0** By Mark Hodkinson

A LIGHT smattering of frost covered much of northern England dar merely confirmed the obvious; the official end of British Summer

After this comprehensive and cruel defeat, it would also appear to be the end of Barnsley's summer time. They ran into Manchester United in scintillating form and, despite their best intentions, were left bewildered, like accident victims meandering around a hospital casualty department.

I didn't get a sniff of any of the goals," David Watson, the Barnsley goalkeeper, said. All he and his team-mates were left with was the unpleasant odour of a heavy defeat and professional humiliation. They were extras in a United performance that finally warranted Old Trafford's sniffy sobriquet, the Theatre of Dreams. The Barnsley players had just two roles - to run around valiantly, but pointlessly. and then hang their heads low when the ball went into their net.

"There is a great confidence coming into the club," Alex Ferguson, the United manager, said. "We are just on song. absolutely on song. You get performances like this once or twice a season. I don't think you could fault a single Barnsley player. They just didn't have an answer to the speed of our attacks."

Barnsley were allowed custody of the ball for long periods, but they were largely reduced to shuffling sideways across midfield. United in contrast, tore forward, the ball moving from player to player almost too quickly for the naked

Before the game, Barnsley had promised to remain undaunted and unafraid of their illustrious opponents. That was not even an issue: United were a lizard's tail. impossible to grasp, always two moves ahead, the ball skittering

towards the Barnsley penalty area. Neil Redfearn, the Barnsley captain, cajoled his team-mates and chased every shadow that flickered across his path, but the toil he epitomised was worthless and became effort merely for its own sake



Cole and Giggs, the scorers of five goals between them, savour the splendour of supremacy. Photograph: Shaun Botterill / Allsport

against such sublime artistry. When Barnsley did fleetingly encreach on United's private party and trade tackles, they were invariably stung by the speed of thought. the touch of genius, that left them apoplectic, their hands on hips, eir hearts in their boots.

United have aspired to greatness for many years and, for 90 minutes on Saturday, it was irrefutably attained. Critics will say that it was only Barnsley, but Barnsley are of the same division and they were made to look like lost souls in football shirts.

The game was decidedly stodgy until the first goal after 17 minutes. Sheridan stroked the ball between two of his defenders and, while they held a meeting to discuss who should collect it. Cole raced in and

placed it defiantly past Watson. Barnsley's team spirit has been much exulted this season, but the hostile manner in which first De Zeeuw and then Eaden berated dy has found a foothold.

Within 90 seconds, Cole had scored again and Giggs made it three just a few minutes before half-time. Loyal to the theory of negating Giggs, Barnsley shepherded him across the pitch on to his right foot, but he still had the mastery to pound the ball into the net from distance. Cole completed his hat-trick seconds before the interval with another piece of exemplary finishing.

During the break, the Barnsley supporters were informed that their coaches had been moved from

Elevator Road to Waters Edge, an area by the Manchester Ship Canal. The inherent sadism of locating a group of disheartened Barnsley fans in close proximity to a large expanse of water obviously escaped the announcer.

Barnsley held out for 12 minutes after half-time before Giggs scored again, followed by Scholes and, finally, Poborsky, who set his feet dancing to elude the defence and place the ball contemptuously bevond the goalkeeper. Danny Wilson, the Barnsley

manager, was chipper despite the scoreline and that will be a capital asset during his team's winter of discontent. It means we will be spared the habitual moping and moaning that accompanies such a tortuous ordeal. There was noth-

ing between the teams apart from seven goals." he said, tongue-incheek. "United's team is full of high-class players and they take some stopping when they work up a head of steam. They seemed to be able to score at will."

Many Barnsley fans travelled straight to Blackpool after the match, intent on a pleasurable weekend, regardless of the result. This kind of deliance will keep alive the optimism of a long hot summer during a long, cold winter.

MANCHESTER UNITED (4-3-1-2). P Sci — J Curtis, G Newtle, G Palister (aut): R V

O G scarges, r. corr BARNSE, y (4-4-2). D Watson — N Eaden, A De Zesuw, A Krizan (autr. A Moses, 60), N Thompson Isutr. J Bosancic, 65) — M Boffloot, N Reditant; D Shariden, D Barnard — A Ward, G Hylstov (subr. J

Liverpool force conspirators to lose the plot

ROY EVANS has a new haircut. Squint a little and it makes him ear a little like Julius Caesar. which is appropriate, given that most came to bury the Liverpool

His crime has been to offend the Republic of Antield by failing to win a trophy for two seasons running. The daggers have been unsheathed since August; two poor results in the past week had only added to the thickening plot.

ast in the role of Brutus, however, as Liverpool played beautifully at times to record a victory, the importance of which was illustrated by huge smiles - and celebrations to match - from both players

and management.

In the lounge afterwards, the players, almost to a man, had one onestion: Why had the criticism crossed the boundary into abuse? The answer lies with Evans and his tenure as manager.

Liverpool need to win the hampionship and Evans offered a disastrous hostage to fortune by suggesting that he most do it this his side's results with a macabre interest, waiting for the crash to

There will be criticism, people are looking at our situation closely and looking at me," Evans said. We deserved criticism for the way we played in the last week and what I wanted was a response

from the players — and I got it.
"We had to show we cared after the week we have had. I asked for commitment and I got it. You could go through the dictionary trying to define it, but commitmen isn't about steaming in and kicking people, it is about playing to the best of your ability. It is about applying yourself in the right way and, in one respect, taking responsibility for your performance. That includes me, because this is a team effort; all of us are in it together.

The conspiritors were still able to collect evidence of Liverpool's failings this season, however, even as the players showed just how good they can be. If they could play as well as that against a Derby side that was fourth in the table, then why had they played so badly in Strasbourg?

No pride, maybe, or the manager getting his system wrong. didn't work, admittedly." Evans said, "but then you can have all the systems you like. Defend like we did and you will get beaten." Evans had his Mark Anthony in

the form of Steve McManaman.





LIVERPOOL 4 DERBY COUNTY 0 By David Maddock

who continued his rich vein of form by contributing towards three goals and scoring the fourth with a towering header that had him shaking his head in disbelief, and announcing: You can call me Bob Latchford."

After 26 minutes, McManaman began the move for the first goal, which flowed through Owen and the excellent Redknapp to allow Fowler a shooting opportunity that he executed with typical chilling efficiency from an angle on the left of the penalty area.

Then McManaman came into his own. Running at Kuzluk, he created havoe in the Derby defence before setting up first Leonhardsen and then Fowler for shots that both pondered upon before dis-Fowler even had the luxury of missing a penalty. "I didn't have in my mind what I was going to do when I ran up and that's unusual for me," he said.

As well as they played in patches, though, Liverpool still looked a little frayed around the edges. As Jim Smith, the Derby manager, said: "That was one of the strangest four-nils I've ever seen. It sounds stupid, but it was one of the most comfortable games I've had at Anfield."

A defence that looked solid for 70 minutes became nervous and vulnerable as soon as the visitors applied sustained pressure. Owen, for all his promise, spoilt too much possession by failing to under around him. Fowler confessed to a frustration at the number of his runs that went unrewarded by the

youngster.
But to dwell on these failings is to be petty. Let Liverpool have their moment, it is spring when we shall judge them. Evans knows that he must beware the ides of

LIVERPOOL (44-2): D. James — R. Jones, B. T. Kwarme, D. Meitee, S. I. Bjornebye — S. McMenamen, J. Fladkmapp, P. Inca, O. Leonhardsen — R. Fowler, M. Owen.

DERBY COUNTY (34-4): M. Poom — R. Kozkuk, C. Deilly, J. Laursen — M. Solls-(pub: J. Hurz, Tornin), P. Trollope, D. Powell, C. Powell — P. Wanchope, F. Batano, D. Burton (sub: D. Sturridge, 70)

Referee: G. Willard.

Gillespie provides striking alternative

A WEEK ago at Elland Road, Newcastle United produced their worst performance since Kenny Dalglish's arrival amid a fog-bank of uncertainty over the direction of the club. Last Wednesday, their captain, Robert Lee, did not look to hide his disappointment over their European Cup Champions' League defeat in Eindhoven. Now, three days later, their pride and physical resilience perforated, they had to contend with Blackburn Rovers.

A year ago, such opposition would have been of scant concern, yet, unheralded, Blackburn have risen from the foot of the FA Carling Premiership last October to a point behind the leaders. Newcastle could not field a centre forward or, indeed, anyone who looked the part physically. Roy Hodgson, the Blackburn manager, was correct in his summation that they were wounded.

Already without Shearer and Asprilla, they also had to contend without Rush, whose knees, quite understandably, cannot cope with a pounding twice a week in footballing old-age. Lee was not fully fit and neither was Howey or a host of others. Dalglish was left with no option but to play Gillespie as his main striker. He, too, was limping long before the end.

Gillespie, though, managed all that was asked of him. He scored a goal - a very good one - and Newcastle did not lose. It was as much as they could hope for in the circumstances. The cautious approach that has characterised their football this season was epitomised by the continued withdrawn roles of Tomasson and Barnes.

The manner in which Gillespie controlled a long, speculative pass before sending a volley arching



Sutton: splendid equaliser



NEWCASTLE UNITED 1 BLACKBURN ROVERS 1 By Ivo Tennant

into the far corner won him the admiration of Flowers, the Blackburn goalkeeper - if not until long after the match had ended...

Blackburn, too, opted for a relatively cautious formation, choosing not to deploy Duff, their talented 18-year-old winger, until the second half. The two chances that they had before they scored were blocked on the goalline, both times by Hamilton.

The equaliser was splendidly created and scored by Sutton, who was, of course, brought to Blackburn by Dalglish. Collecting the ball from Gallacher's header, he turned past Peacock, who continues to look too crude a defender for this level of the game, and shot low inside Srnicek's left-hand post for his tenth goal of the season in the

Then there was the matter of eight bookings, six of them to for Blackburn players for niggling offences. "Had this been a European match, there probably would not have been one." Dalglish said, The difference between referees here and abroad is unbelievable." It is not often that he is contradicted on his knowledge of the game by a fellow manager, but Hodgson did

"This was a continental booking performance." he said. "Refereeing decisions are in the lap of the gods. We will contest the booking of Gallacher for asking why a free kick had not been given and of Flitcroft, who had run 45 yards after a ball and did not deserve to be booked for taking a shot at goal. but there is no point any manager discussing a referee's performance because, as soon as he opens his mouth, he is wrong."

NEWCASTLE UNITED (3-5-1-1): P Smicek — S Wasson, P Athert D Peacock — D Hamilton faults R Lee, 71). D Barty, T Krestarra, J Barnes, J Boreaford — J Tornescan — K Galespie (sub S

Borestord — J Tottescull
Hower, 83)
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BLACKBURN ROVERS (4-4-2). T Flowers — P
Vallety, C Hundry S Henchoz, G Croft — S Ripley
(sub: 'G Palcroft, 731, T Sherwood, B McKinley, L
Bohman (sub: D Dutt, 55) — K Galfacher, C Sutton.

Wednesday fall on sword

lets and bars on the Hillsborough concourses to satisfy a small army. enough peripheral entertainment to put P.T. Barnham to shame, although he might have considered stilt-walkers carrying violin cases and men dressed as furry animals falling over in time to music as seriously unfunny. Inevitably, though, there is the match suddenly, extracting your own teeth without anaesthetic seems a reasonable option.

To lose at home to Crystal Palace is no disgrace these days — Steve Coppell's team have won more points on their travels than any other in the FA Carling Premiership and on Saturday were at the top of their game — but there are ways to lose and Sheffield Wednesday chose the least edifying. They surrendered. Wednesday played without passion.

Wednesday's hopes flickered initially and were then briefly reignited. Early on, Miller made excellent saves to thwart Collins and Whittingham and, with half an hour to go. Collins's header had reduced the deficit to 2-1. But,

man's game and it's true that the

likes of Giggs and Beckham.

Redknapp and Fowler are its most

marketable stars, but in Coventry

on Saturday, the middle-aged

masses had their revenge. Two of

their number stood up and silenced

anybody careless enough to whis-

per that the game belongs to the

teenyboppers, the young guns or

At one end of the pitch was Steve

Ogrizovic, 40 years young, big face,

big hands; at the other, Neville

Southall, a slip of a lad at 39, just big.

Theirs was an extended rendition of

Anything you can do, I can do

better, a polished, word-perfect

routine that was more music hall

than Top of the Pops and none the

worse for that. Neither is exactly

bedroom poster material - it

would be like having a huge picture

of your dad looming over the Duvet

There were 20 others on the field

at Highfield Road, but try as they

might, they simply made up an

energetic supporting cast, freneti-

cally charging from one end to the other to ensure each goalkeeper gor his turn in the spotlight. Ferguson

was menacing, Oster elusive, Stu-

- but they were still heroes.







SHEFFIELD WEDNESDAY 1 **CRYSTAL PALACE 3** By Keith Pike

almost immediately. Shipperley restored Palace's two-goal advantage at the Kop end, from where chants of "Pleat out" spread quickly.

There are excuses, there always are. David Pleat, the Wednesday manager, rightly pointed out that the loss of Atherton, who could be out for the season with an inoperable knee condition, has robbed the team of its natural leader and a porous defence of its protective shield, and that Booth's goals and Hyde's industry have also been erased by injuries.

Yet when a side fails to mark sixfooters at corners, leaves oppo-nents free to take target practise on the fringes of its area and is second

Keeping young guns silent

COVENTRY CITY 0

EVERTON 0

By Peter Robinson

art sharp and sensible: Huckerby

led the Coventry company, pacy and direct, ably supported by Hali

and Haworth. None could score.

Although Ferguson and Oster

struck woodwork. Shaw cleared off

the line and Cadamarteri was

denied a justiliable penalty, there

was usually an outstretched

Ogrizovic hand or the massive

resence of Southall in the way.

ard Kendall, the Everton manager,

said afterwards, echoing general praise. He just keeps going on and on, as Nev does. Neville was the

best in the world and he is still a top-class goalkeeper. They both are." Nobody asked Kendall or

"Oggy was magnificent," How-

to just about every ball, the problems go deeper than a minor spate of injuries. Wednesday have conceded 33 goals in 14 games this season, collapsed spectacularly twice and been humbled by Grimsby Town in the Coca-Cola Cup. They lack not only method, but also conviction. In short, they are

deep in trouble.
With the focus firmly on Pleat's problems, the excellence of Palace's performance was overshadowed, which is a pity. Their own men on stilts, Linighan and Hreidarsson, were superbly solid at the back, the midfield hummed with purpose and the strikers struck hard. Above all, their determination and work-rate put

Wednesday to shame.
Goals by Hreidarsson and Rodger had set Palace up for their first victory at Hillsborough since 1924. Next up for Wednesday? Manchester United and, three weeks later, Arsenal.

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Dzrzidson, 88) — J Magalor, M Pemforde,
Colins (sub: A Poric. 73), B Carbone — Pci Cano.
CRYSTAL, PALACE (5-4-3): K Miller — A Lingher,
M Edworthy, H Hieldarsson — J Smith, A Roberts,
S Rodger, D Gordon — G Moth (sub. 1 Bonetil,
45), N Shopestey, B Dyor (sub: N Emblen, 86),
Referest D Gallagher.

Gordon Strachan, his opposite

number, how either could be replaced, it seemed a silly question.

Both will surely be fixtures for as

Kendall was a satisfied man and

he had every right to be. Ten days

earlier. Everton had reached their

nadir at Coventry, a 4-1 defeat in the

Coca-Cola Cup sparking a confron-

tation between manager and players

on the pitch. This was more like it, a

competitive display that perhaps

deserved three points, not one, with

Ferguson earning acclaims from

friend and foe for his marauding

performance, although a goal, made

That, though, would have meant

bearing Ogrizovic and that proved

beyond him, fine saves stopping, in

particular, a first-half shot and a

second-half header. Southall's best

was saved for last, blocking

Johansen late on, but by then the

wonder was not that the save was

made, but that anybody was still fool

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or scored, would have been nice.

long as they want.

Hirst proves to be a bargain buy

requires a suspension of disbelief; reality can also be hard to take. On Saturday, Gerry Francis, the Tot-tenham Hotspur manager, found it difficult to accept his team had lost a match that he felt they had dominated and in which they led credible that a proven goalscorer of England pedigree, in the prime years of his career, can be transferred between two FA Carling Premiership clubs for just £2

David Hirst, 29, whose two leftfooted strikes in the final half-hour settled this match, his home debut, in Southampton's favour, was signed a little over a week ago from Sheffield Wednesday for the sort of knockdown price usually associated with damaged goods. Indeed, he has spent long stretches of recent seasons on the sidelines with a series of injuries.

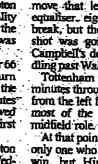
"I had a thorough medical maybe too thorough really, but that's another story — and obvious-ly the gaffer did his homework and thought the gamble was worth taking," Hirst said. "When somebody came along and spent the money that they did, I was only too delighted to try and repay that."

David Jones, the Southampton manager, said: "He's a quality player. With what's going on in the game at the moment, I felt it was two million well spent.

Hirst scored his first goal after 66 minutes, hitting a shot on the turn across lan Walker and in off the base of the far post. Twelve minutes later, Le Tissier and Davies moved the ball in from the left and Hirst was there again.

The victory took Southampton





above Barnsley and Sheffield Wed-





SOUTHAMPTON 3 **TOTTENHAM HOTSPUR 2** By Nick Szczepanik

nesday, Hirst's previous clubs and, by coincidence, the next two visitors to The Dell. He regards both with great affection and feels no bitterness about either his failure to command a first-team place at Hillsborough, or about the injuries that blighted his career. "I don't even want to talk about injuries," he said. "I don't look at the past I thought, as Wednesday did, that after 11, 12 years, the change of scenery might benefit me and it certainly has."

Hirst nearly grabbed a late third, but that would have been too tough on Tottenham, who had taken the lead late in the first half with a 25. yard beauty from José Dominguez. Lundekvam began and ended the move that led to Southampton's equaliser, eight minutes after the break, but the Norway defender's shot was going well wide until Campbell's deflection sent it trundling past Walker and over the line.

Tottenham retook the lead on 64 minutes through Ginola, cutting in from the left for once after playing most of the match in a central

At that point, Francis was not the only one who expected his team to win, but Hirst hit back almost immediately. An obviously unfit Anderton was sent on, to little effect, before Hirst's winner,

"We've got to be more professional, learn to concentrate for 90 minutes," Francis said. We were in total control, scored two great goals and I can't think of any stage when I thought we were going to lose. I suppose that's what makes lootball such a notoriously funny game." His smile, though, was of disbelief, not amusement.

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SOUTHAMPTON (4-34-2): P. Jorge — J. Dodd, K. Monkou, C. Lundikowa, P. Bannis (such: S. Charlton, 68min) — C. Paimer, K. Richardson, M. Celdey (such: A. Wilserse, 52) — M. Le. Tapier (such: R. Sieer, 87) — D. Hist, K. Davies.

TOTTENHAM HOTSPUR: (4-4-2): I. Walker — S. Cart, R. Yoga, S. Campbell, J. Edinburgh (stub: C. Caldawood 72; such: N. Farn, 83) — R. Fox (such: O. Anderdon, 73). D. Gincia, A. Sation, D. Howells — J. Compliquez, C. Amsterdon.

Frenchman dismissed for shoving referee as draw adds to Wenger's problems

Petit pushes Arsenal's panic button



ASTON VILLA 0 By Oliver Holt

ARSENE WENGER, the Arsenal manager, complained on Saturday that referees were booking Dennis Bergkamp because they wanted his name as a trophy. Yesterday, he had to watch as Paul Durkin added a few more trinkets to his own personal collection and dealt Arsenai's hopes of wresting the FA Carling Premiership crown from Manchester United a double blow

Fresh from incurring six bookings in their previous league game, at Crystal Palace last Saturday, the Arsenal disciplinary problems plumbed new depths during their draw with Aston Villa at Highbury yesterday afternoon when Eromanuel Petit, their French midfield player, was sent off for shoving the referee in the chest with both hands seven minutes from the final

The dismissal of Petit not only extinguished any lingering hopes that Arsenal might have had of winning the match and so regaining the lead of the Premiership from United, it meant that both he and Bergkamp, arguably Arsenal's two most influential players this season, will now miss their home game with Alex Ferguson's side on November 9.

Durkin also booked David Sea-man, Patrick Vieira and Steve Bould as Arsenal once more lapsed into a spate of ill-disciplined challenges and excessive reactions. Petit's action was more a light push than anything of violent intent, but it seemed indicative of the badtempered reactions that are landing the North London club's players in trouble consistently. They have now attracted 34 bookings and two sendings off this season and are top of the foul play

sympathy for Wenger when he complains about the treatment dished out to Bergkamp, but as the problem shows every sign of esca-lating rather than diminishing, it appears that something radical needs to be done if it is not to blight Arsenal's season and ruin their challenge to United, who now have a one-point lead over them.

Petit did not run to the referee to push him," Wenger said. "He



Ehiogu, the grounded Villa defender, stretches out a leg in an attempt to halt the progress of Ian Wright at Highbury yesterday. Photograph: Marc Aspland

maybe wanted to tell the referee there was an earlier handball. I don't think he wanted to push the referee to be agressive. It was my impression that he was just holding out his hands to stop them colliding. I think we will appeal about it because it happens to us at a difficult moment when we have big games coming up.

If we can save Petit we will try. Tactically, we were very disciplined and even in our discipline with the referee I did not think we complained more than Aston Villa. Perhaps it is because we are

Despite all that was to come, Arsenal had begun the brighter, so dominant in the first half that it seemed Seaman would be allowed to bask unhindered in the glory of surpassing the club goalkeeping appearance record of 352 games, held by Jack Kelsey. For long periods, it seemed that it was just a matter of time until Arsenal went

It looked as though they had taken the lead in the 14th minute, but what appeared to be a Vieira header from Petit's corner was a flick with his left forearm that inadvertently flattened Bosnich. Nine minutes later, Vieira had a more legitimate opportunity when he met another Petit corner, but glanced his header so slightly that it trickled into touch off the corner

After 29 minutes, Vieira went close again when he volleyed Berekamp's free kick past Bosnich but on to the crossbar. Gradually, though, Arsenal became sapped of their creativity and, with Bergkamp and Wright misfiring in attack on the Dutchman's last outing before his ban begins, Villa

began to creep back into the game. Ten minutes before half-time. Joachim, playing alongside Yorke place of the suspended Collymore, stole on to a long ball from Alan Wright, forced his way in front of Bould and struck a fierce shot that Seaman clawed away to take the three points when a Petit with his trailing hand.
In the second half, after South-

gate had been booked for holding a substitute for the ineffectual Boa.

Bergkamp. Petit struck a stinging shot from 30 yards that Bosnich needed two attempts to catch, then had a left-foot free kick comfortably saved by the goalkeeper.

A minute later, though, Villa fashioned the best chance of the match. Yorke, robust throughout, took a chip on his chest with his back to goal, turned sweetly and danced his way in front of Bould. He advanced on Seaman and went for power rather than placement; the England goalkeeper managed

to beat his shot out with his hands. Arsenal missed their last chance corner fifteen minutes from the end fell to the unmarked Anelka, on as

Morte, but the French prodigy sliced his volley woefully wide. In

the dying seconds, Alan Wright's

shot took a wicked deflection but

went just wide of Seaman's right-

Up in one of the boxes, sponsored apparently by Subbuteo, Paul Gascoigne, a target for Villa, sat and watched as the game spiralled out of control. If any match could convince him that his decision to stay in Scotland was right, it was

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Referee: P Durkin.

Gascoigne at Villa game but insists he is staying at Rangers

BY OUR SPORTS STAFF

PAUL GASCOIGNE yesterday scotched rumours that he is set to join Aston Villa - even though he was attending their match with Arsenal at Highbury. The England midfield player has

been linked with a £4 million move to Villa Park and Brian Little has confirmed that he may be interested in signing the Rangers star if he decides to leave Ibrox, but Gascoigne said he had taken his son to the Premiership game merely as a birthday treat.

"I told Walter Smith [the Rangers manager]: You're not going to believe this but I'd promised to bring him to Arsenal." I said: 'I'm not going to take him because of everything.' But he said: 'Go along.' just thank God I've got an understanding manager

Gascoigne said he had signed a three-year contract with Rangers: I'm very happy where I am. The supporters, especially the last couple of games, have been unbelievable. The couple of games at the start of the season weren't going too well, but I got a couple of rollockings from the gaffer and things are going pretty well now."
Gascoigne also dismissed re-

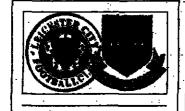
ports that Glenn Hoddle, the England coach, wants him to return south to play. "Glenn has never said that to me," Gascoigne said. "I just feel sorry for our because every time I play for England, there's speculation."

Michael Evans, the forward who signed for West Bromwich Albion from Southampton for £750,000 in midweek, will miss Ireland's vital first leg World Cup play-off game against Belgium at Lansdowne Road on Wednesday. Evans suffered a double fracture of his cheekbone in an accidental clash with Jason McAteer, of Liverpool, during a training session in Dublin vesterday.

Evans, 24, made his debut for Ireland as an 85th-minute substitute for Tony Cascarino in the 1-1 draw with Romania in the final group eight qualifying match a fortnight ago. He will be out of football for at least four weeks.

"I am disappointed for the lad," Mick McCarthy, the Ireland manager, said. Evans will return to Birmingham today to start treatment

South Korea claimed their fourth successive spot in the World Cup finals after Japan and the United Arab Emirates drew their qualifying match 1-1 in Tokyo. The result meant neither could overtake South Korea at the top of Asian



LEICESTER CITY V WEST HAM UNITED Today (8.0)



David Powell WHAT cise could Martin O'Neill say but "records are there to be broken?" After nine successive defeats by West Harn

United and a run of losses in their past four matches, the Leicester City manager is listening out for a deafening sound of breakage. It was a victory at Filbert Street last April which effectively secured West Ham's FA Carling Premiership status.

West Ham may welcome back Andy Impey, after injur-ing a toe, and recall Ludek Miklosko in goal. Miklosko has been out with a knee injury. On a possible return for Ian Pearce, Harry Redknapp, the West Ham manager, said: Wait and

Tony Cottee, after two spells with West Ham, expects to be named as a substitute for Leicester. Have West Ham. for their part, found a new Cottee (of a sort) in John Hartson, who has already scored 12 goals this season?

People have been saying they have lacked a goalscorer since me and Frankie [McAvennie] in our heyday back in 1986, so hopefully the club have found an answer," Cottee, still a West Ham levotee, said.

Leicester, out of the Coca-Cola Cup and the Uefa Cup. need a win to stabilise their top-six league position. Garry Parker and Ian Marshall face fimess tests.

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BOLTON WANDERERS 1 CHELSEA 0 By David Maddock

CHELSEA have just returned from a town in the Arctic Circle that is cast in permanent darkness for the whole winter. They will be hoping, after this defeat, that it is a condition they have not brought back with them.

These are worrying times for Ruud Gullit, the Chelsea playermanager. Bolton Wanderers eventually achieved victory with a ilourish, but not before the visiting side had spurned enough chances to have won conifortably. "We beat ourselves," Gullit said.

"The players are very disappointed with themselves because they threw away three points. It was incredible, how many chances did we need? Miss as many as we did and you get punished and that's what happened, just as it did at Coventry on the opening day of the

Chelsea, admittedly, had men injured, suspended and on international duty, but the backbone of their side was intact and, if it is not to be a long, dark winter, they will have respond better to such adversity and display far more conviction on their travels. The home side have plenty of it.

They played some delightful football, especially in the second half, and were — ultimately — worthy of the win. After going ahead, they had three or four more presentable opportunities to secure the points. In the first half, Chelsea had four glorious chances to exploit an obvious apprehension in a home team entering the match still waiting for their first league win at their new ground. Nerves were frayed and Chelsea should have done more to rip them to shreds.

The chief culprit was Dan Petrescu, an exciting figure as he dashed down the right flank but a forlorn one when he ventured into the penalty area. The Romanian started as creator as, within the space of two minutes on the halfhour, he set up first Hughes and but, with only the goalkeeper to



Flo, the Chelsea forward, grimaces in pain after a challenge from Taggart, of Bolton

then Nicholls Hughes did well with a first-time shot from 12 yards, but was finwarted by the excellent Branagan in the Bolton goal, who stretched elastically to hold the forward's effort. Nicholls should have done better as Petrescu sent him scurrying into the penalty area, but Branagan saved bravely

Hughes was halted again and worse was to follow a minute before the interval, with Petrescu the culprit. Nicholls ran free down the right and crossed to give the midfield man an easy chance, but he was too casual, his shot lacking urgency, and Branagan made

another save Nicholls, relishing a free role behind the front two, repeated the trick ten minutes after the break,

beat, Petrescu chipped over the stranded figure and over the bar.

You cannot miss so many oppor-tunities and hope to remain undamaged and Bolton were too vibrant to allow such leniency. Beardsley, on the right, was a constant threat with his incisive passing and both Blake and Holdsworth offered fluid targets

up front.
They were both so willing in their running and the Chelsea defence finally broke open after being stretched uncomfortably. Sellars and Fish should have scored in the first half and Holdsworth and Beardsley had shots saved from close range in the second.

.In the end it was, fittingly, Holdsworth who scored the winning goal. He has not been too well received by the Bolton supporters,

and his running off the bail extremely intelligent.
It was Beardsley who created the

goal with a burst from deep into the penalty area, the ball falling for Sellars on the left edge, who crossed back into the six-yard area for Holdsworth to sweep home a firm, first-time effort.

Chelsea ran out of steam in the closing stages as their efforts in the snow of Tromso caught up with them. If they are not to slide out of contention for the championship. they will have to show far more

uney will have to show far mon-conviction in front of goal. BOLTON WANDERERS (4-4-2) K Branagan — C Bergsson, M Pish, G Taggan, J Philips — P Beardsley (subt J Phillock, 83min), P Frandsen, A Thrompson, S Sellars — N Blake, D Hoddsworth, CHELSEA (4-3-1-2): E de Gooy — F Shicker, F Leboud, A Myera, S Charke — D Peterson, E Newton, C Babaton — M Nicholis (subt R Guilli, 78) — T A Ph. M Hughes.

Graham dives into penalty dispute

games, frankly," Joe Kinnear, the Wimbledon manager, admitted. Indeed, it was not. How tempting to revive Gary Lineker's old joke about a previous meeting between these clubs: "You'd have been better off watching it on Ceefax."

It started well enough, with

Leeds United putting some bright, short-passing moves together -Rod Wallace darted and probed up front in his habitual way; Bruno Ribeiro, the stocky little Portuguese, was active and intelligent in midfield: Lee Bowyer, standing in for Gary Kelly, was active on the right - but the game was doomed to fall steeply away and to be decided by a controversial penalty after 28 minutes.

Kinnear, predictably, thought the award a fair one — and, for Wimbledon, a rare one. He added that he did not think George Graham, the Leeds manager, would share his view. Graham did

Michael Hughes, overall the best and most effective player on the field, whether operating on either wing or in the centre of midfield. came dribbling boldly in from the left, survived one attempted tackle and was brought down in the box by David Hopkin.

Well, that was what it looked like from the stand and that was what it looked like to Kinnear. "Hopkin took his legs down," he said. "Hughsie said he trapped his leg at the back. I thought the referee was in a perfect position to see it. because he was only four or five yards away."

Graham accused Hughes of diving, which he said had become the fashion here over the past couple of years. On the Continent, it was punished. Here, for some reason, it was not.

"I don't blame the boy," he said, a little unconvincingly. "He saw an opportunity and took it. I didn't think we'd have as much possession as that without scoring. It all hinged on the penalty decision. I think the player dived and the referee fell for it."

Neil Ardley, playing only because Ceri Hughes was unwell, put the penalty away without

Six minutes later, Ribeiro's pass sent the Australian, Harry Kewell, away on a spirited run, which he finished by releasing Honkin, Rose





WIMBLEDON 1 LEEDS UNITED 0 By Brian Glanville

the Leeds captain's shot, though it beat Neil Sullivan, rebounded from

Wimbledon, after 12 minutes, were the first to strike. Vinnie Jones got in a near-post header to Ardley's right-wing corner, but Martyn took it high and well. At the other end, when Hopkin served Wallace, Jones was there to divert the shot over the bar.

The Leeds centre back, Wetherall, as Kinnear said, was always a danger at set-pieces. He was allowed to get his head to Ribeiro's free kick from the left, only to steer it wide - and to be knocked out in the subsequent collision.

The second half provided few

consolations, though there were a couple of powerful shots by Hughes, with both of which Martin dealt.

Hughes, Kinnear said, gives a different dimension. He's been on fire since he joined us. He's got wonderful balance, quick feet, he's got a terrific shot on him. Obviously, the three midfield players who are in have to work extremely hard when we lose the ball. We give Michael a bit of a luxury role."

Leeds, no longer dangerous on the wings as once they were, had a somewhat lightweight pair in Wallace and Kewell, though Kinnear was concerned that they could break away "and sting you". Kewell had a chance to sting in the second half when a ball rebounded to him, but his shot went straight at Sullivan. So Leeds did not gain the "something" that Graham legitimately thought they

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FOOTBALL: QUEENS PARK RANGERS' STOCK RISES AFTER PEACOCK PROVIDES INSPIRATION AT LOFTUS ROAD

City prove bankrupt of ideas to halt slide

Queens Park Rangers ...2 Manchester City0

By BRIAN GIANVILLE

MANCHESTER City are an enigma. At Nottingham Forest, earlier in the season, they played the opposition off the park and looked as if they might stroll into the FA Carling Premiership, Yesterday, after defeat at

Loftus Road in this Nationwide League first division game, they remained down among the dead men and have not scored for four matches, although, as their manager, Frank Clark, and chairman, the former prolific striker, Francis Lee, observed, they were creating chances.

Queens Park Rangers probably won the game when Stewart Houston, their manager, decided to man-mark Georgi Kinkladze. "I just thought Kinkladze could cause us a few problems." Houston said. "He's got certain qualities that make them tick and I just put Danny Maddix on him to counter

Counter it, on the whole, Maddix did, though Clark was at pains to emphasise that City do have ten other players on the field. Danny always marks Kinkladze and marks him well," he said. "I hope he [Maddix] doesn't come here and tell you Kinkladze is the only one we've got.
"It was a good little battle

within the overall context of the game, but obviously we'd prefer teams to let 'Joe' Kinkladzej run free. One of the problems when I got there was a Kinkladze fixation, but we've got some decent players. We've only got one of his talent. We can't sit back and let him win games for us."

Postage stamped, to use the Italian expression, as Kinkladze was by Maddix, we

splendid run after 18 minutes of the first half, a pass to Michael Brown, always quick saved by the equally alert Lee

Harper, in the OPR goal. Near the end of the first half, receiving from Horlock, Kinkladze jinked this way and that, baffling the defenders around him, to finish with a shot that flew only just wide of the left-hand post.

Late in the second half, his deflected free kick was uncomfortably pushed round a post by Harper. "We're down there because we don't put away the chances we create." Clark, ever objective, said. We play well enough in the area from just outside the penalty area to just outside the other penalty area, but you don't get any-

keep working at it, until we can nurn it round," Clark added. "They all get well paid for doing something that they want to do. Nobody forces us to stay. We're in the bottom three. We've played 12 games and we've only got ten points. That's a fact. The other side of the coin is they get well looked after, well treated. Sometimes, when the ball goes into the penalty area, I wonder how badly they want it.

"And the two goals we conceded, they were terrible, really. If somebody puts in a dipping free kick and it ends in the net, you could hold your hands up, but [referring to the first goal] you could have thrown it better than that.

That goal came after 14 minutes. Gavin Peacock took a free kick from the right. Karl. Ready, the long-haired QPR centre back, volleyed powerfully home with little let or hindrance. This put QPR in the driving seat after some promising early attacks by



Morrow, the QPR defender, left, and Dickov, of Manchester City, indulge in a spot of arm-wrestling yesterday

cially pleased with the efforts of Brown, who tested Harper several times. After only four minutes, he might have scored when, after some confusion in the home defence, he shot from close in, only for Harper to frustrate him.

Nine minutes later, after Kinkladze's run, Harper was a moment in the second half when he elegantly flicked the ball over one man, left a second on his back and shot from a narrow angle on the goalline, only for Harper to save again.

The second goal came after 32 minutes. Sinclair's fast cross flew across the area and

closed in on the ball. Brightwell brought him down and Peacock put away the

In injury time, Slade, a substitute, might have scored a third for QPR when Spencer nodded on a ball from Barker, but Margetson saved. Houston said that he was delighted that his team had kept a clean

sheet. Clark continues to hope for goals for rather than against.

QUEENS PARK RANGERS (3-5-2): L Harper — K Ready, D Maddin, S Morrow — M Rose (sub: S Yates, 78mm), P Murray (sub: S Befer, 65) — T Sinclar, G Peacook — M Sheron (sub: S Slade, 86), J Spencer

Age no concern as Malpas foils Rangers

Praise is at its most sincere when delivered with a note of regret. ence you made, what a difference." Walter Smith, the Rangers manager, said immediately after his side had been knocked out of the Scottish Coca-Cola Cup in September. He had come tain of the victorious Dundee United, in a corridor at Ibrox.

When the veteran defender was missing from a Bell's Scottish League premier diviion game between the clubs in August, Rangers had won 5-1. On Saturday, it was proved, yet again, that Malpas's years are a precious stockpile for United rather than a burden. His team defeated Rangers 2-1 at

Tannadice Malpas has now made 551 appearances for the club in the league alone after making his debut as a teenager in 1981. Then, a degree course in electrical engineering vied with cup finals and European fixtures as a source of stress, but his smooth progress to a career in international football demonstrated a precocious ability to cope with

He remains unflustered. United are at peace when defending a lead and striking on the counter-attack, but the serenity is the result of Malpas's personality as much as the tactics of Tommy McLean, the manager. When the defender is absent, the team becomes harassed and vulnerable. At the weekend, though, with Malpas in his usual place between the centre backs, it was Rangers who looked distressed.

The away side, who had lost an early goal, equalised because the remarkable Negri capitalised on the only chance that he was allowed and, in then process, set a new record for the premier division by scoring in a ninth successive game. For the rest of the time, though, United were completely successful in nullifying Laudrup and restricting the damage done by Gascoigne.

Malpas, 35, was always to be seen instructing and intervening. There is a deep satisfaction in seeing a man get the better of his age and he



commentary

demonstrated that football is with the mind. Not all players find such dignity in the late stages of their career. Against United, spectators

were compelled to make a

great mental adjustment and accept Andy Goram as a figure of frailty. Since joining Rangers in 1991, the goalkeeper has been synonomous with Rangers' supremacy. At Tannadice, though, Goram, 33, was forlorn. In the sixteenth minute on Saturday, he attempted to dribble the ball away from an on-rushing forward, but Winters easily dispossessed him and scored.

The penalty kick, which Pressley converted to decide the game, was also conceded by Goram. He was booked for that foul and could later have received a second vellow card for a small fracas with Easton. All in all. the goalkeeper might have thought it a mercy if he had been able to make an early departure from the field.

Goram would surely appre ciate a refuge from the headlines about his private life, the rumours about the condition of his knees and the speculation that he may be sold. His performances are not peppered with errors, but he does not seem to be producing the saves that used to baffle crestfallen forwards.

Rangers, though, have wider problems, after buying an expensive side that still looks chaotic. Venom will be added to the criticism now that they have lost the lead in the premier division to Celtic, who beat St Johnstone 2-0 on Saturday. The annual general meeting tomorrow may produce some aggrieved interrogation of the club's leading

Efficient Spackman takes defeat in his stride



Hunt first-half header

West Bromwich Albion Sheffield United

By Russell Kempson

ONE of the more awkward transitions in football is from player to manager: from carefree performer to father-figure, motivator and psychological consultant, from one of the lads to hard-nosed gaffer. Ask Mark Hateley, the former England and Rangers centre forward, now at Hull City; ask Chris Waddle, the former England and Sheffield Wednesday winger, now at Burnley. Neither have made the most auspicious of starts since swopping their training-

Nigel Spackman, the former Bournemouth, Chelsea, Liverpool, Queens Park Rangers and Rangers midfield player, has yet to face such adversity. Although he is only ten weeks into the job as manager of Sheffield United, in the Nationwide League first division, he has received

little but plaudits. Until Saturday, against West Bromwich Albion at The Hawthorns, United had not experienced a league defeat this

Spackman, 36, dealt with it quietly and efficiently. "West Brom outbattled us," he said, "and that's the first time it's happened since I took over. They put us under pressure and all credit to them." No hitterness, no histrionics. Having made a few tactical observations and further created a favourable impression, he departed. He could go far. Unlike Hateley and Waddle, Spackman at least has a solid base on which to build. In a world of hype and hysteria, Bramall Lane is higher up the evolutionary scale than Boothferry Park or Turf Moor and is therefore theoretically closer to realising its potential. Spackman also had the benefit of a year as player-coach and two months as caretaker manager before succeeding

Howard Kendall, whereas Hateley

Waddle entered the jungle

almost blindfolded. Last season, though, Spackman was a frequent target for the less intellectual among the United supporters.

"I'd never had stick from a crowd before I came and it was disappointing," he recalled. "There was a time I thought I might be better off elsewhere, but I have never walked away from anything in my career."

If not forgotten, it has been forgiven. United have lost only twice in 16 league and cup outings and the fans have become increasingly gener-ous towards their managerial rookie. They have swiftly accepted his more patient, considered style of play - no longer the direct, hit-and-hope ploys of previous regimes - and already speak his name in revered rones.

All sequences have to end and, against West Bromwich, United failed to function at any level. They were not allowed to by determined opponents and lacked the ability to think on the hoof. "We've done extremely well and will just have to start again." David Holdsworth, the

Glamour eludes McGranaghan

out of the way, we'll learn from it and

Hunt gave West Bromwich a seventh-minute lead, nodding in Kilbane's cross after Holdsworth had slipped over, and Hughes, a substitute, settled the issue with a low shot with two minutes left. With each side fielding five-man midfields, the rest of the game was a congested affair of no particular merit. Ray Harford, the West Bromwich manager, could barely raise a smile, but then he rarely does, anyway.

It is unlikely that Spackman could be so morose, even when it all goes wrong - as, at times, it surely will. He has cleared the first hurdle, the jump from pupil to paymaster, and is doing quite nicely, thank you.

WEST BROMWICH ALBION (4.5-1) A Miller — P Holmes, D Burgess, P Mardom, D Smith — S Flyrin, R Sneekes (sub. S Coldicott, 89mm), P Buffer, I Harmiton, K Ribene (sub. L Hughes, 71) — A Hunt SHEPFIELD UNITED (3.5-2) S Tracey — D Holdsworth P McGrath, C Tier — V Brobokis (sub P Kalthruno 71), D Whitehouse, N Marter M Patiterson, W Quern — Marcello (sub A Scott, 71), J A Patierson, W Quern — Marcello (sub A Scott, 71), J A erma: DOT.



Dykstra, the Dundee United goalkeeper, tussles with Negri during Rangers' 2-1 defeat at Tannadice

Cheshire derby a very civilised affair

Chester City Macclesfield Town 1

By Christopher Irvine

SO MUCH for seething rivalry. The inaugural Cheshire derby in the Nationwide League was more of a love in. which was appropriate to two former co-habitees. The Chester chairman handed his Macesfield counterpart a cutglass bowl, the only pitch invasion was by Morris dancers and the occasion was aptly marked by a compelling draw. Like many others, the result satisfied John Vernon, who once sold pies at Macclesfield, but transferred his catering

van to Chester when City moved out in 1992. "Chester had two years at Moss Rose and they were a wonderful lot," he said. "Both clubs lived happily together and the sup-porters of both clubs got used to cheering on one another."

Few Cestrians begrudge the Silkmen their elevation from the Vauxhall Conference, which was denied them in 1995 because the Moss Rose ground - good enough for Chester's two seasons there was deemed unfit for the

Football League. That wrong was righted last season by Macclesfield, whose sweet passing and movement has continued into the third division, where they head their former tenants by two points. Chester are now ensconsed

at the neat Deva Stadium, where one half of the ground is officially in Wales. Until Saturday, a 109-year rivalry with Macciesfield had been restricted to occasional cup meetings. Indeed, Chester's last FA Cup-tie at their nearby former Sealand Road ground, now a DIY store, had been a 3-2 second-round replay defeat of Macclesfield in 1989.

For the few seconds that Macclesfield's defensive guard dropped on Saturday, Chris Priest had space and time to fire in a 25-yard shot that rescued Chester their point after Landon had given Macclesfield a 51st-minute lead with his sixth goal of the

CHESTER CITY (4-4-2): IT Sinclair — (Jankins, S Whelan, J Alstond, N Fisher — D Fiscroft, N Richardson, C Press, R Thomas (sub: S Planner, 73min) — G. Bennett, R McDonald.

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By WALTER GAMMIE

DANNY McGRANAGHAN had no doubt which club he wanted in the draw for the first round of the FA Cup. "Fulham," the Camberley Town manager said. "They're the glamour club of the moment. They we got to be the big

Having seen his team perform a feat of willpower to snatch a 1-1 draw at Billericay Town on Saturday, one was prepared to believe that McGranaghan, who has masterminded a string of surprises in the qualifying rounds, could conjure the perfect ending to his day. .

It had looked all over when Camberley, Isthmian League third division to Billericay's first, finally cracked unde intense pressure in the 77th minute. Shaun Woods, with Leon Gutzmore, the home side's chief predator, in close attendance, poked a cross from Jon Hooker into his own net. Yet Camberley picked themselves up and drove themselves forward to gain an equaliser. Paul Tipping forcing in a flick-on

from Julian Sills. With one draw ensured. most of the 796 crowd at New Lodge seemed to squeeze into

the clubhouse, hanging over the railings of its unusual gallery and urging the hands of the Stan Swannell Memo-rial Clock above the widescreen television to the appointed hour for the other draw at 5.15pm.

The preliminaries - a groan went up at having to watch Chelsea's Cup-winning goals again — allowed for a defeating round of calls for silence. Unsurprisingly, the northern section draw raised barely a stir.

A gentleman scribbling the ties on the back of a brown envelope did tell his compan-

ion that Lincoln City v Gainsborough Trinity was a peach of a local derby. It was a fine reward for Ernie Moss and his UniBond League side for beating Halifax Town, the Vauxhali Conference leaders. Added spice to a special weekend for the devoted followers of the game in Lincolnshire was supplied by Lincoln United, the UniBond League first division club, carning an away trip to Walsali.

Come the southern section and ball No 27 - the match programme and announcer ensured that everyone knew

Brighton: Yeovil Town or Haves Town

FA CUP FIRST-ROUND DRAW

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Bromsgrave Rovers; Bristol Rovers v
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was drawn out as the fifth home tie, to mighty acclaim. Billericay Town or Cam-berley Town ... versus Gloucester City or Wisbech Town. The crowd reeled away in dismay.

Striking a positive note amid the clearing throng was Rod Moore, the Billericay chairman. "If you can't get a league side and a big moneyspinner, the next best is a home tie against another non-league side that's winnable," he said. "Anyway, we've got a score we'd like to settle with Wisbech." A stormy fourth-qualifying round replay defeat two years ago is etched in Billericay minds.

By the time that Fulham emerged - away to Margate most had already returned to determining whose round it was and debating the small matter of an awkward assignment at Krooner Park in Camberley tomorrow night.

Chris Kinnear, the Margate manager, was, meanwhile, telling the world — and one could just picture the scale of the grin — that "it was the draw everyone wanted". Er, thank you, Chris, I think we knew that.

Warnock returns to the three Rs

Southend United1 Oldham Athletic 1

BY BILL EDGAR

WITH months of winter toil lying ahead in the Nationwide League second division, these two clubs must have longed to turn their clocks back four years on Saturday night.

Southend United supporters are reminded of the club's exciting first division days under Barry Fry every time they pass the Stan Collymore suite at their Roots Hall Ground, while places among the elite and an FA Cup sernifinal, which were Oldham Athletic's in those days, seem a

world away.
Oldham's bid to return to the top flight took them back to basics on Saturday as they adopted their own three Rs. putting Reid and Wright on the wings and adding a rug-gedness throughout the side which proved unpalatable to the referee, Robert Styles. Steve Redmond, the Oldham defender, was sent off for dattering into Sadi N'diave three minutes from the end of a first half in which four of his

team-mates were booked.

That Oldham had little difficulty in holding on to the halftime score of 1-1, despite being a man short, said much for the organisational powers of their manager, Neil Warnock.

Oldham's pursuit of a first away win in the league for eight months took a knock in the fourteenth minute when they fell behind to a 25-yard shot by Regis Coulbault, who joined Southend from Toulon. They equalised after 34 minutes through a move of just two touches, both right-foot chips, Redmond clearing the home defence and Stuart Barlow clearing the on-rushing goalkeeper, Royce, for his eighth goal of the season.

Southend were awarded a penalty in first-half injury time after Pollitt, the Oldham goalkeeper, fouled Beard, but in the tradition of a club that missed seven spot kicks in succession earlier this decade. Harris had his effort well

SOUTHEND UNITED (4-4-2): S Royce — Hais (sub A Thomson, Sirran), B Lewis, Harris. K Dublin — A Clarke (sub Gridete, 61). M Seard, R Coulbraul, Jones — S Niclaye, A Rammel OLDHAM ATHLETIC (4-4-2): M POWE — S Redmond, R Graham, D Hodgson, C Senart — T Winjer (sub S McNiven 22), F Richers, L Duddury, F Red (sub: A Hughes 40) — S Senow, S McCarthy.

Murray Walker regu-larly makes of his commentary, it seemed a little rich that he should have spent quite so much of yesterday afternoon haranguing the Spanish producer responsible for the television pictures of the European Grand Prix. From the moment that the

producer cut away to a helicopter shot just in time to miss Villeneuve's first attempt to overtake Michael Schumacher, the poor chap could do nothing right. If he concentrated on the two contenders for the world championship. Walker want-

ed to see what was going on farther down the field. "I do hope the Spanish producer is

for the whole race," he said. Heaven forbid that he concentrate on the world championship when there were all those bardes for minor places that we could be watching - what a ridiculous idea.

It was no better when the championship was all-but decided. Was Walker grateful for some superb slow-motion replays of Schumacher's desperate last nudge? He was not. The Spanish producer is apparently content to stick with Villeneuve for the last six laps," Walker noted disap-provingly. Actually, he was not and gave the following five

a couple of laps of glory. Given that the slightest mistake by Villeneuve could have cost him the championship, it on the foolhardy, but one that typically went unfewarded by Walker. I wonder what he would have been saying if his beloved Damon Hill was driving a badly damaged car but still needed to finish to win? I bet it wouldn't be: "Let's look at the battle for third."

All this talk of misses would be fine if ITV was infallable, but it isn't — as we so memorably learnt at the Hungaroring, when Hill went into the lead for the first and only time this season ... about three seconds after ITV had gone for a commercial break. And yesterday it was ITV, not the Spanish producer, that managed to miss Schumacher's potentially crucial second pitstop, as we realised as

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soon as we returned from the commercials to hear Jim Rosenthal's voice rather than Walker's. After a season of ITV's Formula One coverage, we all know what Rosenthal's voice means — it's videotape

As for the idea of Walker being infallible ... well, how long have you got? During practice on Saturday, Walker surpassed himself. "And the coolest man on the track . . . "

he began, as Villeneuve posted his pole-position time, "is Michael Schumacher ... still in the Ferrari garage ... having not turned a wheel," Two seconds later, the computer timing system - itself not having the best of afternoons — gave a little electronic hiccup and Schumacher was third. Quite an achievement for a man still in his garage. Walker and the rest of the

ITV team should stop apolo-

part and parcel of a speciacle (the contrived finish yesterday was just one of a number this season that make me reluctant to use the word sport) that conducts its business at 180mph. Instead, they should concentrate on what they do well. Apart from the commercial breaks, which will always annoy some people, and the hugely embarrassing Hill

ly good first season of Formula It has given Rosenthal a new ase of life, ensured that Walker can put off any talk of retirement for at least another year (he significantly let-drop that next season will be his liftieth year commentating on motor sport) and produced

miss. ITV has had an extreme-

one star - Martin Brundle. He did not have a vintage day yesterday - his trademark saunter down the grid got lost in the crowds and he was uncharacteristically diplomatic about the Schumacher incident - but he has had a great season. Only the offer of a grand-prix drive over the winter would thwart ITV's determination to have him on board next year.

As to whether Formula One has been a commercial success for ITV, we would need an accountant and a contract lawyer to tell us. Average audiences of 4.5 million indicate that its multimillionpound outlay has brought the core, grand-prix audience young, aspirational and largely male - from the BBC. Two

things must worry the network bosses, though, as they set about making plans to build on that success for next year. First, the biggest andience of the season was almost seven million for the Brazilian Grand Prix, which took place before the full horror of Hill's lack of competitiveness became apparent.

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The second came yesterday, with the disappointing display by Jordan, the team that Hill will be racing for next year. Market research by ITV confirms - no doubt to the annoyance of the other British drivers - that Hill's form remains crucial to people's decision to watch or not. If he has picked the wrong team for the second year running, it

'I know you don't care — it was small potatoes — but the point is, lives were on the line here on Saturday

Brickies and Bulls fight to the death

ourne to Win" it says in fancy iron-work over the impossibly grand gates to Sittingbourne Football Club and, even on a bright October afternoon, with blue sky above, it gives you as much pause on your journey as any "Abandon hope" message might do. "Sittingbourne?" you can't help thinking, your eyes swivelling. "Bourne to Win? Have I missed something?"

The sense of vertigo doesn't end there, either. Beyond these high gates is a huge 8,000-capacity stadium called Central Park, evi-Riverside Stadium at Middlesbrough. It's all very peculiar. Sittingbourne is in the Dr Marten's League and is towards the bottom of it. The Brickies have lost eight of their 12 league games and their average home crowd is 450. Watching one of their matches in this white-elephant people's palace is like seeing people play ping-pong in the Kremlin. Clearly, if you like your football jazzed up by hubristic complications, this farflung corner of marshy north Kent is absolutely the place to go.

On Saturday, Sittingbourne played Hereford United for a place in the first round of the FA Cup. The result was a 2-2 draw, the attendance was 1,010 and the replay takes place tomorrow night at Edgar Street. I know you don't care, but that's life. The point is, if this match was small potatoes by Match of the Day standards, it was still a highly engaging occa-sion. Lives were on the line, you see. Inspect the finances of either of these clubs and all you will find is a couple of old trouser buttons and a ball of fluff. And it's no joke for

either of them. Which team deserved most underdog support on Saturday? It respective hard-luck stories were

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equally compelling. Sittingbourne once made £6.5 million by selling its town-centre ground, which could have set the club up for life if the building of this ludicrous stadium, now owned by the council, hadn't crippled it. . It's 35 years since the Brickies made the first round of the FA Cup. Meanwhile, as for Hereford - well, lead them eyeless in chains if you want an effect more poignant and Miltonic

than this. Hereford, of course, famous for FA Cup giant-slaying, lost the ferocious battle for last seat in the lifeboat at the end of last season. There was a big tussle with Brighton, the league vessel rocked dangerously from side to side and then, on the last day, with a curse and a splash, Hereford sank full fathom five into the Vauxhall Conference. Glug. Since then, apparently, the club has never managed to come up for air. Paying its players has become a

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spirits wonderfully.

with 7,000 ghosts, situated sym-

t would be marvellous to report, against this back-ground of doom, that the football itself was a revelation, but actually it was quite awful. Sittingbourne's first-half performance was enough to make grown men cry. It's mostly a teenage side and was obviously outclassed in every way, even by Hereford's haircuts.

ceded only one goal, they spent the



The Bulls brought 120 fans with them on Saturday and no visible directors. This over-grand setting. bolically at the end of a road to nowhere, must have cheered their

So, although the Brickies con-

if tied by elastic to their own posts, while the Hereford keeper had more uninterrupted thinking time than the average Cistercian monk. For a team sponsored by Medway Galvanising, Sittingbourne seemed curiously un-galvanised themselves.

Yetin the second half, things looked a great deal more lively. Perhaps Medway Galvanising's "hot dip" process had been em-ployed at half-time. Either way, the home fans were immensely cheered up when, at 50 minutes, Trevor Matthewson, the Hereford defender, scored a very beautiful equalising own-goal. It was the sort of goal that you want to watch again (unless you are Matthewson). A heroic aerial lunge, excellent contact with the ball, scoring

corner. Lovely. At 56 minutes, the disgraced Matthewson appeared to redeem himself by blocking a goalmouth shot from young Kenny Pavey but alas, he put the ball directly in the path of Sittingbourne's Mark Miller, who scored. This was much more excitement than we'd bargained for. "The Conference side are in big trouble now!" a Kent Radio chap feverishly reported. The home fans in the South Stand, who had previously leaned

in twos and threes on the crush barriers like figures in an architect's drawing, were suddenly transformed into quite a lively football crowd, It was great. But since you know the final

score already, there is no hiding

deep into the bottom left-hand the fact that Hereford equalised, thus ensuring a replay back at home. "For Hereford," I heard someone say, "this is the best result they could have, because they'll make some money from the replay." So it wasn't so bad and, personally, I was relieved. Worried by the thought of those fluffy trouser buttons, I'd have hated to see either side lose. I'm just like that. Too big-hearted. I'm sorry.

The third act of Saturday's drama was the FA Cup first-round draw, but it was odd how few people hung around for it. Somehow they didn't want to know what would happen next. Are we going to hear the draw?" I fussed, in the directors' box. "Have you got a telly for the draw? When's the draw?" A small radio was pro-

duced, but nobody listened to it, though finally the dread word did go round ... "Brighton", accompanied by hollow laughs. Brighton? Hereford's nemesis. The club with no home. The fans with no reputation. The gate with no

financial potential. Brighton. The directors of Sittingbourne performed a collective shrug at the news, just as their Man of the Match. Damien Hodge, came in to collect his bottle of champagne from the sponsor. Margate had drawn Fulham, damn them. They were getting Kevin Keegan. "Give it back outside, Damien," the chairman called to his startled player. "I'll need it for next week." Hodge looked sheepish and went out. As Sigmund Freud once said. there's no such thing as a joke.

SPORTS LETTERS

Amazing success of Chinese women athletes

Keegan and moneymen

From Mr Robert Griffiths

Sir, When will Kevin Keegan face the truth and realise that he is no different from the "moneymen" of football that he enjoys denigrating in his recently-published autobiography? Keegan received a hefty pay-off when he left Newcastle United and will receive more for the book.

Now Keegan has gone to Fulham and joined Mohamed Al Fayed, who is the ultimate football moneyman and who bought Fulham after failing to get the controlling interest in another club. Keegan can look forward to spending millions of someone else's money again and if it ends in failure, he can put this into another moneyspinning book.

Keegan should try running a club on a shoestring, where success must be earned and not bought. He should then realise what real graft is. Given the money that Keegan has available, any manager in the secand division would be able to gain promotion.

Yours faithfully. ROBERT GRIFFTIHS. 3 Llys Dyffryn, Myddleton Park. Denhighshire.

From Mr Conrad Truedson

Sir. The recent world records by Chinese women in athletics have caused much speculation, mostly negative, as to how they can run so fast. John Bryant's defence of Ma Junren's methods (October 23) is a welcome addition.

He points out that China has a huge pool of talent to draw from, with a population of a billion. Surely, he argues, with that and an extensive sports system, as China has, such performances are not impossible. But where are the great male runners? No Chinese male has ever broken 28 minutes for 10,000 metres or

13min 20sec for 5,000 metres, yet their women athletes are running incredibly fast. It makes no sense whatsoever, a point that was brought up in 1993, when a similar explosion of astonishing times occurred. Moreover, all these remarkable times happen only in China. In 1994, there were efforts made to bring some of these phenomenal women to the European circuit. Unfortunately they were "unavailable".

Yours sincerely CONRAD TRUEDSON. University of Nottingham. Nottinghamshire. rsxx1@unix.coc.nottingham.ac.uk

Double act

From Mrs Sara Ansell

Sir, Victoria goes with Albert just as Laurel does with Hardy, but your sailing report (October 22) is wrong when it says the Whitbread Round the World Yacht Race boats are finishing their first leg at the Victoria & Albert Basin iz Cape Town. Cape Town's famous waterfront is called Victoria and Alfred. Mother and son have separate basins

In 1860, Victoria's second son, Alfred, laid the foundation, so to speak, of the harbour when he ceremonially tipped rock into the water for construction of the breakwater.

Yours faithfully. SARA ANSELL

Owls House, Potten End, Berkhamsted,

Unsporting bulge

From Mr Phil Watson Sir, The answer to Darmy Baker's question about the ball being stuffed up an outfielder's jumper by the goalkeeper is that this would be considered

"unsporting behaviour" by the referee. An indirect free kick would be awarded to the opponents on the edge of the goal area, after the cautioning of the two miscreants. Yours faithfully, PHIL WATSON,

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United States.

Referees' strip

From Mr Neil Ward Sir. The confusion caused by

the referee's strip being similar to the hideous away strip worn by Newcastle United at Elland Road last weekend should come as little surprise to most of us. I would like to suggest to the Premiership a solution to this problem. Why not have the match officials always wear the same uniform? I would suggest an entirely black kit would stand out very well. Funnily enough, in the lower divisions they are already using such a system.

Yours etc NEIL WARD. 13 Courtlands Crescent, Banstead,

Bias over bowls?

From Mr BJ. Goodchild

Sir, As an armchair devotee of bowls for some years, I was pleased to read Matthew Bond's appreciative article (TV Action Replay, October 20). The fact that there are (if I remember rightly) only two televised tournaments a year may well be due to television sports executives' sharing the wide-spread impression that bowls is a game for golden oldies and that it lacks excitement. Such a view is wrong on both counts. The tension as a player attempts to draw the shot or drive at the head to save the set or match can be as keen as

anywhere in sport. Perhaps Mr Bond's spotlight will save us having to wait for the advent of multi-channel digital television to enjoy more

bowls on the small screen. Yours faithfully. BARRY GOODCHILD. 36 Hinton Road, Wallington. Surrey.

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THIS WEEK IN THE TIMES

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out Indians' batters

THE Cleveland Indians pushed the World Series to its limit on Saturday night, beating the Florida Marlins 4-l in Migmi to force a final deciding game. It is the first time since 1991 that baseball's showpiece has been taken to a seventh game and only the second time in the past decade, but that it should be these teams that did it is only the latest in a long line of surprises this season.

Many believe that neither team should even be in the series. The Marlins, in only their fifth year of existence, did not even win their National League division, finishing nine games behind the perennial powers, the Atlanta Braves. The Indians finished the season with the ninth-best record of the 28 teams in the two leagues. And yet here they both were, the champions, respectively, of National and American Leagues, scrapping for the biggest prize of all.

The series that they have produced has, in many ways, been a disappointment to those living outside Ohio and South Florida, but it has been evenly contested, each side winning in turn through the first six games, and the standard of play has risen appreciably since the low point of game three, played in the frozen air of Jacobs Field. Cleveland:

If game six was perhaps not the most exciting of the series, it was certainly the best played, with the pitchers and fielders obviously all glad to be back in balmy baseball temperatures, and it found another surprising hero: the Indians pitch-

er, Chad Ogea Ogea, 27, had pitched the Indians to victory in game two, but he came to the mound on Saturday knowing it was do or die. The Marlins only needed one more victory to take the series and had the advantage of playing the last two games at home before 67,000 of their own wildly excited fans in Pro Player Stadium. Until tiring in the sixth, Ogea pitched with great skill, allowing

giving them little encouragement but he made his decisive contribution with the bat.

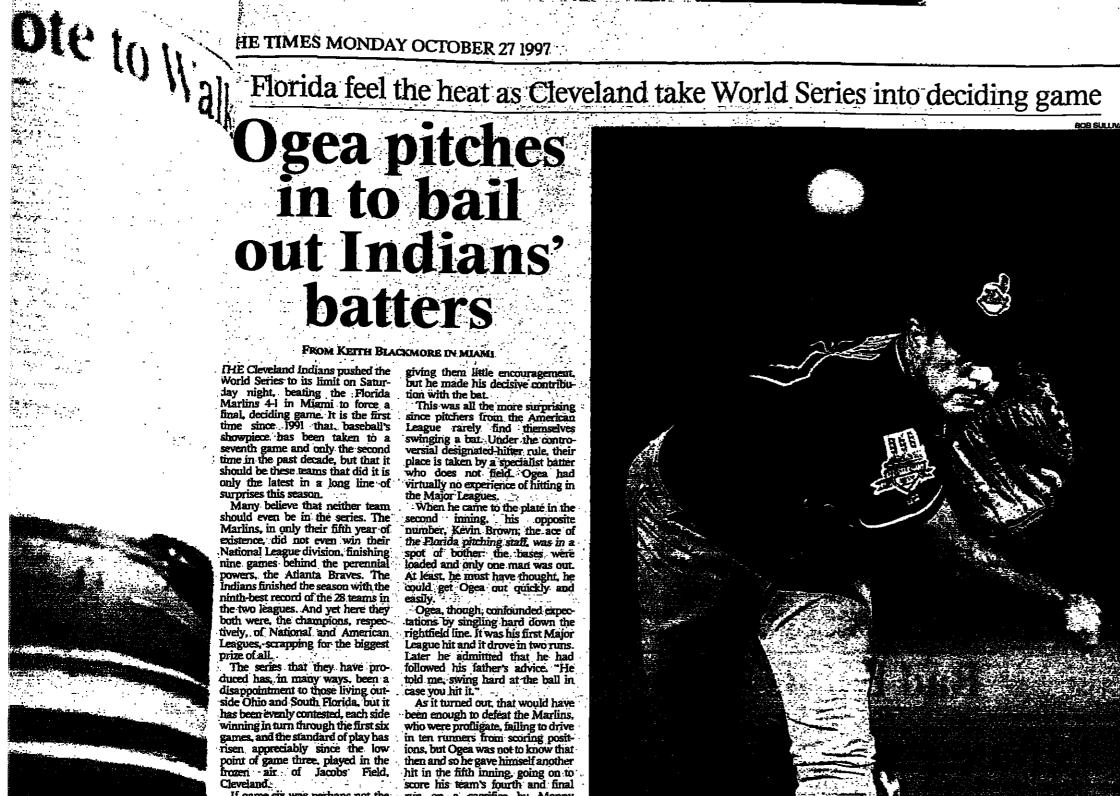
This was all the more surprising since pitchers from the American League rarely find themselves swinging a bat. Under the controversial designated hitter rule, their place is taken by a specialist batter who does not field. Ogea had virtually no experience of hitting in the Major Leagues.

When he came to the plate in the second inning, his opposite number, Kevin Brown; the ace of the Florida pitching staff, was in a spot of bother the bases were loaded and only one man was out. At least, he must have thought, he could get Ogea out quickly and

Ogea, though, confounded expectations by singling hard down the rightfield line. It was his first Major League hit and it drove in two runs. Later he admitted that he had followed his father's advice. "He told me, swing hard at the ball in case you hit it."

As it turned out, that would have been enough to defeat the Marlins, who were profligate, failing to drive in ten runners from scoring positions, but Ogea was not to know that then and so he gave himself another hit in the fifth inning, going on to score his team's fourth and final run on a sacrifice by Manny Ramirez who had driven in the third run, too.

If the Marlins were going to rally, their chance came in the sixth. Ogea had gone and two men were on the bases with two out and Charles Johnson was coming up to bat. Johnson rifled a low, scudding shot towards left field only to see Omar Vizquel, the Indians shortstop, dive



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Ogea pitches the Indians towards victory in Miami before helping to complete the job as a batter

ball, stand and throw him out by half a step at first base. It was a dazzling play; preventing two runs

from scoring and killing the inning. The Marlins' last hope expired in the seventh. Bobby Bonilla, their loquacious but error-prone third

GAME SIX DETAILS

full length to his right, catch the baseman, came up with the bases loaded and two men out. He flied tamely to centre field and the game was as good as over. When it finally was, Mike

Hargrove, the Indians manager, promptly announced that he was removing Charles Nagy, a veteran, from his position as the starter for game seven, handing the responsi-bility to 21-year-old Jaret Wright, the winner of game four. It will be a heavy burden. Cleveland last won the championship in 1948, a year pefore even Hargrove, whose 48th birthday it was yesterday, was

As game six was being played. much was being made of the fact that Denver airport had been closed by a blizzard that prevented the Denver Broncos football team from leaving for a game in Buffalo. In the warmth of Miami, such news seemed vaguely ridiculous, but it was noted that had the Colorado Rockies baseball team come as far and as fast as the Marlins, who joined the National League at the same time they did, game six would have been in Denver and would certainly have been buried under the snow. So much for the Boys of

PASSING THE BUCK

Nike ready to just do kit deal with FA



So Nike is going to make the England kit?

Probably. It is leading the race to get the new contract from the Football Association, with the likes of Adidas, Admiral, Pony, Reebok and Umbro, the kit-makers at present, also in the running. A decision is expected in the next couple of weeks.

Does this mean Hoddle's boys will "just do it" in the World Cup next summer?

No. The seven-year Umbro deal runs until summer 1999. So why is the FA so keen to tie up a deal now?

It takes about 18 months to approve designs and order kits for a changeover. Also, the FA is keen to capitalise on England's qualification for the World Cup finals to increase the amount of money that it can get from a kit deal.

And Nike is keen to break into football?

Or soccer as the Americans call it, Nike being based in Oregon on the west coast of the United States. Nike already has basketball, athletics and tennis sewn up and also struck a great deal with Tiger Woods in golf. It sees soccer as a key element in its global strategy.

As they know down at Highbury.

Nike started by signing up Ian Wright five years ago and then struck a deal with Arsenal that was so lucrative that it upped the ante for all the kit deals in the FA Carling Premiership.

How much is it worth, then?

A cool £40 million over seven years.

So the rumours about a £150 million deal for England are true? As one FA insider put it: "If Nike has offered £150 million, we'd have bitten their hand off." A four-year deal for £50 million is nearer the

But didn't Nike'pay £80 million to sponsor US Soccer and £130 million for the Brazil kit?

Those deals are not quite what they seem. The American deal and the ten-year Brazil contract are for much more than shirt sponsorship. Nike is in charge of marketing the leisurewear for the football federations and, in Brazil's case, arranges all the team's friendly matches and keeps the television revenue from those games.

And the FA would not give that much control to Nike? Absolutely not. The FA is pretty good at negotiating its own friendlies and television deals, thank you very much.

It is not good news at all. Umbro has thrived on the back of two of the best-selling kits in football - England and Manchester United.

So bye-bye Umbro?

It still has Manchester United and has been around for more than 60 years. Umbro points out that every time Brazil has won the World Cup, it has done so in Umbro kit. If it is to be an Umbro wearer winning this World Cup, England would be the hot favourite.

CRICKET

Pakistan primed to

Jason Nissé

Teenagers share in game's growing pains

BY SMON WILDE

BEING a young, promising basketball player is an uncertain business if you are planning on beating a path to the big time. Does your school or club have facilities good enough to help you? Have you even progressed that far? You may possess the build of a skyscraper, but not have got beyond scrimmaging in the street. The salaries on offer in the National Basketball Association (NBA) are the stuff of fantasies and likely to stay that way.

The Weila Inter Area schools

tournament, held at Lilleshall over the past three days, is one of the best ways to get noticed - and for national age-group coaches to no-tice you. More than 150 of the best boys and girls under the age of 16 pounded the courts and put their minds and bodies under new degrees of stress in the hope of carning international action. "When they are this age, the real

purpose is to identify future talent." Chris Morgan, the head coach of the cadet boys, who has been working in this area of the sport for 20 years, said. "A few days ago, we found a lad who is 6ft 8in. He is 14 years old. He is too young to take part here at Lilleshall, but we will ast-track him into his club in London and he can come and train

"He may struggle at first, but the other boys must help him. He is the sort of boy we need. It is a big problem finding the big boys early

enough." In the United States and other countries, of course, they start seriously working on them from a

much younger age. One of Morgan's earliest tasks after the conclusion of the tournament, which involved teams from four regions, is to select a side to take part in the home nations' competition next March. In an ambitious programme, England also intend to hold a series of training camps and compete in, or stage, a number of other events before the European qualifying tournament next August.

But selection for a national squad is far from the end of hardship. Funding is desperately scarce at



this level, despite help from the Sports Council, and every event is liable to become a financial handto-mouth operation.

Every competitor was required to provide E50 towards the cost of going to Lilleshall; every England training session can cost another £30. Trips overseas are even more expensive, which all adds up to a substantial annual bill in a sport that claims to be the most "democratic" - that is, affordable - of all.

These are outgoings that some simply cannot meet, placing them in danger of dropping out of the sport, and the catch-22 is that the more successful a team is, the more costly the process becomes. Morgan remembers one side he was involved with who did so well that they almost put themselves, their



Michael Feely, of Midlands under-16s, gets past the South East opposition. Photograph: Paul Rogers

trying to fund their winning habit. Far from discovering about riches, one of the earliest things a talented basketball player finds out about is fund-raising, although in this for some reason — the girls prove better than the boys. "Sometimes you find yourself sucked into fundraising activities when what you should be doing is helping them improve their game." Morgan

Providing the best youngsters with good competition is another constant worry, although the links between the English Schools Basketball Association - which was founded 40 years ago - and the English Basketball Association are growing, facilitating movement into the highest ranks. Participation is growing on the back of television coverage of the NBA, but good coaches are in short supply.

The sport's strength remains in the urban areas. There are pockets of development around the country." Terry Webb, national coach to the England girls, said. "We need to expand, although mini-basketball, which is based in Hertfordshire and has less emphasis on competition, is starting to make an impact. The tournament here is our chance to persuade the boys and girls to play at international level - to sell the game to them and their parents." The Midlands won the boys'

under-16 competition, North the girls' under-16 and South East the boys' and girls' under-15s.

wrap up Test series BY OUR SPORTS STAFF PAT SYMCOX'S valiant efforts with the bat could not stop

Pakistan taking a decisive grip on the third and final Test against South Africa in Faisalabad yesterday. Pakistan were chasing a modest 146 runs for victory and were four without loss in their second innings when bad light ended the third day's play at the Iqbal Stadium.

Symcox, the off spinner, who made an obstinate 81 in the first innings, was in an equally combative mood in the second as he made \$5, helped by Lance Klusener, who hit 38 in a total of 214, but the spin of Mushtaq Ahmed, four for 57, and Saqlain Mushtaq, three for 36, gave Pakistan the upper hand. As long as bad weather does not inter vene again, the hosts should wrap up the three-match series today. The first two Tests ended in draws.

South Africa, resuming on 21 for two, lost Brian McMillan and Daryll Cullinan in quick succession to the leg spin of Mushtaq. Hansie Cronje, the captain, and Symcox batted purposefully for more than an hour and out on 43 for the fifth wicket, with the latter completing his second fifty of the match with seven fours and a six, before falling to Saqlain, the off spinner.

Wagar Younis struck with

successive balls as first Cronje was caught by Azhar Mahmood at square leg for 21 and then Dave Richardson, the wicketkeeper, fell leg-before. Klusener avoided the hat-trick before striking two sixes and three fours in his 26-ball innings, but his dismissal, legbefore to Saglain, on the stroke of tea heralded the end of the South African resistance.

Allan Donald was bowled for eight and, when Paul Adams was last man out, Shaun Pollock was left undefeated on 21. Aamir Sohail was on nought and Ali Naqvi four when play finished for the day.

New Zealand collapsed to their

second consecutive defeat on their tour of Australia yesterday, losing a limited-overs match to Queensland in Cairns. The tourists were dismissed for 125 in reply to the home side's 252 for eight from their 50 overs. New Zealand's loss came just 24 hours after they had been beaten by an innings and 127 runs in a four-day match against Oueensland.

When asked to describe his team's performance, Stephen Fleming, the New Zealand captain, said it was "pathetic" and predicted that his team would struggle in the Test series that starts in Brisbane on November 7: 5

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ICE HOCKEY

Nienhuis pounces to keep Panthers on top That, however, was the end of

THE Superleague continues to provide capacity crowds with closely-fought games (Norman de Mesquita writes). Both Saturday's fixtures end-ed in a 2-1 win for the home - Ayr Scottish Eagles over Basingstoke Bison and Nottingham Panthers over Newcastle Cobras.

Ayr got off to a quick start. th Mark Woolf finishing off three-way play with Mark Montanari and Dino Bauba in the second minute. Just under three minutes later. Karry Biette scored the second and the crowd must have thought that they were in for a high-scoring contest, particu-larly as it was only another ten seconds before Jamie Black. pulled one back for the Bison.

scoring, with the two goaltenders. Rob Dopson and Sonny Mignacra, excelling.
It took a little longer for the

goals to come in Nottingham, where Jamie Leach gave the Panthers the lead after 16 minutes. Brett Stewart equalised before Kraig Nienhuis restored Nottingham's lead. The Panthers retain top spot on eight points, with the Eagles a point behind but with a game in hand. In the semi-finals of the

Benson and Hedges Plate, Telford Tigers beat Peterborough Pirates 84 and Paisley Pirates overcame Slough Jets 6-4 in their first-leg games.

CYCLING

Dangerfield triumphs again in record time

STUART DANGERFIELD had ample reward yesterday for ignoring earlier disap-pointments this season with his fifth national hill climb championship, the past three of which have been consecutive (Peter Bryan writes).

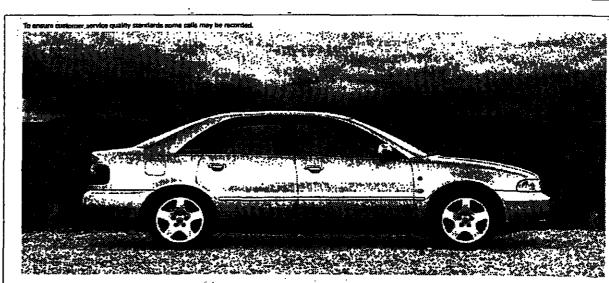
At times, he had wondered whether he was the forgotten man of British cycling when he failed to gain selection for the world time trial championship alongside Chris Boardman or was named for other big international events, only to be told that they were

Yesterday, as the curtain came down on the 1997 timetrial programme on the 1,700metre ascent of Rowsley Bar, Derbyshire, Dangerfield set a new hill record of 5min 12.84sec on a climb that varied in gradient between 1:8 and

He sprinted in, last man to start of the 120 entry, to beat Jim Henderson, an engineering post graduate at Oxford, who had until then recorded the best time of 5min 19.29sec. Henderson was reckoned to have established a 2sec advantage over Dangerfield at the halfway point.

The champion said: "I had planned to take the first section riding within myself and then go flat out on the tougher approach to the fin-

ish. It worked." On Saturday, Henderson won the British Universities hill climb title near Baslow.



Funny, it doesn't look like the new Audi A4.

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RUGBY UNION

Dwyer's gamble improves options for Woodward

By DAVID HANDS

THIS is what Clive Woodward came to Welford Road on Saturday to see: Englandqualified players offering convincing evidence of skill, aggression and confidence. That last quality will be upper-most in Woodward's mind when the England coach and his management colleagues choose the XV to play Australia next month and, in too many games this season, it has appeared absent.

Here, against their greatest domestic rivals, after swelling criticism of their collective form, the Leicester tight forwards were dominant. Behind them, the unlikely hinge provided by Fiji and South Africa allowed Will Greenwood to take a significant step back towards his British Isles form and for Austin Healey to suggest that England may find a role for him other than at scrum half.

As a technical exercise, it was deeply flawed, but, as a sporting contest, few in the crowd of 14.000 would have complained. It was a triumph for Leicester and for Bob Dwyer, their coach, who took the calculated gamble to field Waisale Serevi at scrum half in an Allied Dunbar Premiership match and watched him spill ten points in 21 minutes yet the gamble paid off two-

Serevi, for all his occasional bursts of pace, is a playmaker. He has to get his hands on the ball at half back and create doubt in the minds of opponents and if he has defensive weaknesses — and he has then his colleagues must cover them. Leicester played him at scrum half in a second-XV match earlier in the week and always intended to repeat the tactic against Bath, even at the expense of moving an England and Lions scrum half to

Yet Healey, in the position

tion for Waterloo and Orrell. produced a minor masterpiece. His reading of the game was outstanding, he scored one delightful try and saved another, he defended against Adedayo Adebayo as well as anyone has this season and, ore to the point, he has cast off dull care: "Maybe I was too aware about losing my Eng-land place," Healey said. "Now I'm looking to enjoy

myself — if everything is do or die, your head explodes." With Healey, it is more likely to be temper that explodes and, after scoring his try, he could not resist kicking the ball in the vague direction of his club coaches in the stand, but maybe Dwyer knows his man better than Healey would admit: "I thought Austin had a stormer and I don't think it will have done his England chances any harm," Dwyer said.

Woodward has already acknowledged that he is short of wings, thus the duel between Adebayo and Healey took on even greater significance. Healey, who brought down Adebayo a yard short after de Glanville's powerful break, even turned up on the left side to score Leicester's first try, his speed and sidestep taking him past Regan, Sleightholme and

In that same first quarter, though, Serevi lapsed twice behind scrums on his own line: seeking to kick clear, he



Healey: changed role

Bath first a penalty and then Webster a converted try. Dwyer wanted any defensive kicking to be done by the rightfooted Stransky or the leftfooted Horak, but it was the experienced Stransky who helped turn Serevi into gold. buying time for the Fijian to settle into the pivotal position and then revelling in the speed of his pass. Bath, meanwhile, were more

conventional: they worked on ways to ensure they always had the lineout throw — Leicester took only one first-half lineout and Catt constantly asked questions of the defence. The response from Leicester was, too frequently, a grumble and if the sinbin is ever introduced, then Cockerill will be a prime candidate for it: the hooker's antics when the ball is dead frequently overstep the mark and negate his fine work about the field, which, on the day, outshone that of Regan, whose throwing to the back of the lineout was again in question.

However, at the interval Leicester led by a point thanks to the try which carried Stransky to 100 points for the season, Poole, Corry and Johnson ran the tapped penalty and Serevi's flick to the short side gave Stransky room to score. Within II minutes of the interval, that advantage had been cemented, largely by the an-gled run taken by Greenwood behind a scrum: he cut nast the first line of defence, chipped Callard and collected the ball himself for a try which that go

a long way towards restoring a

injuries that ended his Lions

SCORING SEQUENCE (Leicester first): 0 3, 3-3, 3-6, 3-9, 10-9, 10-18, 13-16, 13-19 20-19, half-time, 23-19, 30-19, 30-22, 33-22



Perry, the Bath centre, tries to charge through a dogged Leicester defence at Welford Road but is sent crashing

Bad habits haunt Harlequins

By MARK SOUSTER

THE changing of the old guard continues apace at The Stoop. Will Carling was dropped for the first time by Harlequins, indeed for the first time by anybody since the British Isles tour to New Zealand in 1993, but that did not stop his side bringing to an end a run of three consecutive defeats and, by coincidence. three at the hands of Sale.

However while the personnel change, the old habits do not. The usual Stoop fare was provided: a mixture of the sublime and the ridiculous, flowing attack intermingled with inept defence and worrying lapses in concentration. It mance at Richmond last week, but at least on this occasion they were able to hold on. Whatever interpretation director of rugby, put on the match, the fact remains that there was something less than satisfying about the whole affair, despite 12 tries and 93

Yes, it was entertaining and some of the speed of movement from both sides was excellent, as was the goalkicking of Rob Liley and Shane Howarth, who between them missed only one kick at goal from 15 attempts. Yes. there was commitment; but there was no tension. Given that Sale were playing catch-up rugby from the half-hour, it

was all rather superficial. content to ignore the schoolboy quality of some of the defending. "We were not in a crisis lafter those three defeats), but a down period," he said. "It takes a good bunch of The pace and intensity of a

By Barney Spender

NEARLY 3,000 people turned

up to the Athletic Ground on

Saturday and every one of

them had a case for asking for

his or her money back. A

match between two top sides

crisp and sunny afternoon

should have been something

to savour, especially as their encounter at Bedford five

weeks ago conjured up an

exciting and flowing game

with more than 80 points on

Instead, the fans were sub-

jected to 80 minutes of nega-

tive, error-strewn tedium, not helped by some pedantic and occasionally puzzling whis-tling from John Pearson, a

referee with a good reputation

but whose middle name certainly is not Continuity.

The truth is that a game that

is allowed to flow and develop

the scoreboard.

in the second division on a

game like that will leave snaces and, credit to Sale, they are a class side."

Daren O'Leary certainly exploited the space, scoring two tries - his 77th and 78th in only 100 appearances for the club — and also dropping a goal for good measure. However, the defensive frailties that have denied him a full cap so far were also evident, not least when Beim danced around him for Sale's opening try after 12 minutes.

Tulsen Tollett, starting his first full league game in preference to Carling, who did appear as a second-half recement, also found himself pulled out of position, but for now that can be put down to his background with the London Broncos rugby league team in attack, he looked a

players to play out of it by coach, will not be happy that two of Harlequins tries came sticking it up their jumper. Jenkins and Leach waltzing in

day of stop-start drudgery

tertainment in rugby is a

class-one priority.
For all that, Bedford just

about deserved a win that

gave them a double over their

likeliest challengers and breathing space at the top of the table. If they do not shoot

themselves in the foot, as they did at the end of last season.

then they ought to win auto-matic promotion.

"It wasn't very attractive rugby from Bedford, but it was league winning rugby in

a tight game," John Steele, the

London Scottish coach, said.

"They've got some very experi-

enced heads and they played a

shrewd game. They made very few mistakes and simply

waited for us to give away the penalties. We lacked that cohe-

The Exiles enjoyed the bet-

ter of the first half, shading the

lineouts and constantly forc-

ing Bedford back on their

heels via the ranging boot of

Cameron, their New Zealand

sive experience."

is more enjoyable to players fly half, but they still trailed 7-

unchallenged from the 22, nor the ease with which the home forwards were able to drive their way through the middle. Having led 10-7 after 25

minutes, Sale were then undone by four tries in 12 bewildering minutes before half-time that left them trailing 35-17. They reduced the deficit to 11 points at one stage, but good attacking positions were wasted by the slow delivery of the final pass.

ponding game last month.

brought London Scottish back

into the game, but a series of

penalties gave Mike Rayer the

chance to add to his first-half

try and extend the Bedford

lead. Mick Watson went over

for the home side in the last

minute, but, by then, the crowd was drifting into the

bar to watch the Currie Cup

final and a touch of continuity.

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SCORERS: London Scottist: Tries: Jackson (42min), Wesson (79), Conversion: McAusland, Dropped goet Carreron (11). Beddord: Try: Rayer (30), Conversion: Rayer, Penalty goets: Rayer (84, 25, 278, 76).

SCORING SECUTENCE (London Scottish first): 3-0, 3-7 flast first): 3-10, 6-10, 6-10, 6-16, 8-16, 8-16, 8-19, 8-22, 15-22.

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Llewellyn breathes fresh life back into Neath

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BY GERALD DAVIES

NEATH have had the worst possible start to the season. Until Saturday, they had not won a match either on the domestic front or on the broader canvas of the European Conference.

This was the club, a few years ago, that cut a swath through everything that came in its path. Professionalism has done no favours for Neath and their homegrown talent numbered over time. was soon lured away to more lucrative fields elsewhere; loyalty was the first of rugby's many codes of behaviour to

One of these itinerant play-ers has returned on a monthly loan, Glyn Lleweilyn, surplus quins, came back a week ago and made such a difference, in attitude as much as presence, that Neath came close to stealing a win against Swansea, the present league leaders. On Saturday, elevated to the role of captain in the absence of Geraint Evans, Llewellyn was influential in ensuring that Neath recorded a handsome and thoroughly deserved victory against Bridgend, who hitherto had not lost a match in the

Like a mother hen Llewellyn rose prominently above everyone in lineout, ruck and manl: Players were drawn to him as they inshed the other before setting free in a frantic dash for the line very much in fact, like the Neath of old.

In this fashion forwards chasing the ball with insatiable appetite, putting close pressure under Bridgend's posts - they set up the chance to send the ball wide for the first of Bernard's tries on the lest wing. This was of the stuff that once made



Neath famous and feared. Lyn Jones was their flanker in those days, Ron Waldron was their coach. Jones is now their coach. Waldron the team

manager their message that player though their message that player though repeat what washence so successful is getting timegh. more mes came in the first that Price kicked three penal-grads to Cull's one. The money on the wall for the visions, who hardy looked like henetrating a rigid Neath defence. Only Greenaway, There were clear signs of promise from Neath. Anyone taking the first part of the season as an indication of their future prospects is in for a sharp awakening. The ground from which clubs will be hard-pressed to gain any points. The team still lack a cuffing edge in midfield, but they make up for this in the collective effort that was always their strongest quality. Bennett, Boobyer and Lee Jones are as sough as they come in the back row, Horgan is a terrier at scrum half, while Price, on the evidence of Saturday's 22 points, looked a sure footed place kicker. To these the visitors had no answer and the home team ran away with the game after the interval. Greenaway's solo try was Bridgend's only response to the five tries and the

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Exiles excel in lap of luxury powerful running gave the

London Welsh.... By Peter Bills

NOT even ten years as a coach in rugby league had prepared Clive Griffiths for Saturday, but the glint in his eye, his enthusiasm, was not for the result that sent his Exiles team to the top of the Jewson National League first division. It was too early in the season

to get too optimistic about What excited Griffiths was the magnificence of Worcester's facilities. "A real eyeopener, there isn't anything to match it anywhere in rugby league, he said. Three floodlit training pitches and the biggest indoor training facility in Europe. It is simply

with envy."
Ironically, Les Cusworth, the Worcester director of rugby, expressed an admiration bordering on envy for London Weish's strong former rugby

marvellous and I am green

league men - Andy Currier, Scott Roskell and Rowland Phillips - who were instrumental in fashioning this fine performance. Cusworth knows that he must buy in new players to strengthen his squad for promotion.

They had more experience, were more streetwise than us." he said, "and it was principally due to players like Currier and Phillips, key players in key positions This was rugby played in

the great old way, even amid probably the finest facilities at any British rugby club. Bath would drool with envy at the space and modern structures, yet Worcester's triumph is to have retained the heart and soul — the feel — of a rugby club, a quality that many of the biggest outfits have lost.

Like countless others.

London Welsh can only dream of the £5 million project in which Worcester are involved. but nonetheless Griffiths was given £500,000 over two years for team strengthening and he Muchel 69 has bought wisely. Cirrier's

home-defence a torrid afternoon as he made one try and scored two Edwards, unwanted at Saracens, and Craig Raymond were key men at half back and outside them there was pace, creativity and a cutting edge throughout the back line. Their play was was a credit to a once great club and John Taylor, a British Lions in 1971

and one who played in their golden age in the Seventies, was watching nodding his was. Watt-Intig., 106ding Ins. approval.

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penalty that Neath ran up. SCORESS; Neath: Titles Bernard 3 (2, 53, 88), Borbyer (43), M. Saris (73), Mortin (40), Conventions; Price 5, Penalties; Price 4, 113, 17, 40, 51), Bidgond: Try. Greatestay (67), Convention: Louis, Penalty; Call (5),

could be their day as early as the twelfth minute when Greg-ory, replacing the injured king, looped his centre and

presented a perfect pass to Burrows, who sprinted 60 metres in the opposite direc-

tion to give his team a lead

that they never relinquished. Dallaglio was penalised on

the ground for Woods to kick

his side farther into the lead and penalties by Woods either side of the interval strength-

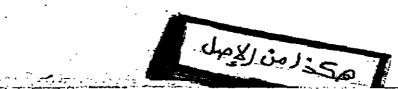
tributed to their own downfall

by failing to find touch: Hum-

phreys dropped a goal from one such error and, when

Gregory grub-kicked precisely into midfield in the hope of

opening up the defence.



Interminable battle of the place-kickers produces a joyless encounter

Accurate Andrew keeps Newcastle top

Richmond

By CHRISTOPHER LEVINE

LIKE Tony Blair, Rob Andrew is forever repeating the line about guarding against comtryless affair yesterday, which maintained Newcastle's un-beaten record and their lead of the Allied Dunbar Premiership, there was not much evidence of the C-word on his side's part. Neither was there much to commend a turgid, joyless encounter at Kingston

Of 32 penalties awarded by Chris Rees, the referee, ten were landed in a place-kicking duel between Andrew, the victor over Earl Va'a by six penalty goals to four. At the finish, Gary Glitter was played over the Tannoy, presumably in celebration of the fact that Newcastle remain leaders of the gang. A fourth league victory was no more than their persistence deserved in a game lacking in

imagination.

Any resemblance to the Richmond side that scored 34 second half points in overhauling Harlequins the previous week and the disjointed XV yesterday was purely coincidental. The absence of Scott Quinnell did not help, nor did the withdrawal in the first half of Hutton from the back row while Ben Clarke lamely failed to engineer anything of value.
When the backs got the ball, handling mistakes over-whelmed them.

dimensional, but they had the edge in power and the outstanding contributor in Pat Lam. Hanging off the rucks and surging away from the scrum, the Western Samoa captain is a handful that Richmond failed to contain. The kicking out of hand by Andrew and Legg was not always accurate, but they worked the corners sufficiently for the excellent Weir to constantly trouble the visitors at the lineout. What newcomers in the 4,000-strong crowd made of it is difficult to tell. When rugby is trying to broaden its appeal, drab advertisements like this are the

last thing needed. When the stakes were lower in the second division last season, the sides stanted an entertaining draw and New-



Andrew, the Newcastle fly half, finds space to make a surging run through the middle of the Richmond defence at Kingston Park yesterday

castle won comfortably at home. Both began yesterday's match in the top three with serious ambitions. The intent was there, but not the composure as errors and turnovers

It was a question of who could persevere in an interminable kicking duel. The smart money was always on Andrew, as Va'a has a habit of caressing the ball when it demands to be hoofed. Twice, he missed opportunities in the opening ten minutes, before

finally hitting the target from 35 metres, in reply to Andrew's first successful strike.

Against the powerful surges of Lam and Tuigamala, about all Richmond were left with was killing the ball. Andrew converted his next two opporturities, although Va'a then caught up with him to make it 9-9 at the break.

Both sides might have broken the try famine. Richmond's best opportunity was in the eighteenth minute, as Williams rounded Naylor, except that his trailing leg caught the touchline a metre short. At the other end, Newcastle really should have scored shortly afterwards, but Lam was recalled after crossing the line for a forward pass by Ryan off an ideally-placed scrum

The delight was quickly removed from Popplewell's face when a second apparent Newcastle touchdown was ruled out for a double knock-on. For all the territorial advantage that they enjoyed in the second half, Newcastle could not lever

open a better-organised Richnature, there is unlikely to be mond defence than their atany complacency on Newcastack, which had all but petered tle's part. SCORERS: Newcastle: Penalty goals: Andrew 6 (4, 13, 28, 46, 59, 67). Pichmond: Penalty goals: Va*a 4 (11, 35, 40, 43). SCORING SEQUENCE (Newcastle Inst): 3-0, 3-3, 5-3, 9-3, 8-6, 9-9 (holf-time), 9-12, 12-12, 15-12, 18-12. out, except for a typically error-strewn late flurry.

Va'a's fourth penalty gave Richmond a brief lead, before Andrew struck again. He then missed two kickable opportunities and another at the end, but further successes, in the sixtieth and 68th minutes. guranteed Newcastle their victory, despite Richmond's belated effort.

Wasps caught unawares by Irish sting

By DAVID HANDS BUGBY CORRESPONDENT

WHENEVER the English begin to feel good about their rugby, trust the Irish to alter their perceptions. Yesterday morning, London Irish were joint-bottom of the first division of the Allied Dunbar Premiership; yesterday evening, the scalp of the 1997 champions was pinned to the bar at Sunbury and The Avenue was awash with Guinness.

Victory in the gloaming represented the first for Irish in the Premiership, but for Wasps it was their second defeat in succession, after a triumphant waltz through their European pool matches They never came to terms with an Irish display ablaze with passion, their game was littered with errors and their captain, Lawrence Dallaglio. was shown a yellow card, apparently for dissent.

It was one of those frantic Irish days, a day when the score looks far closer than the game in fact was. With 80 minutes played, the Irish led 22-3, but Wasps, playing a muscular variety of sevens, scored two tries within two minutes. "None of our players are fooled by the scoreboard," Nigel Melville, the Wasps director of rugby, said. "If you go out for 80 minutes and only

play for ten, you don't win."
Who would believe that the Irish lost their Lion, Jeremy Davidson, a week ago? The international lock will be missing until the new year with damaged knee ligaments and Willie Anderson, the club's director of rugby, is still aware of the need for high-

quality back-up to his squad. There is an argument that his remaining locks, Gabriel Fulcher and Malcolm O'Kelly. could be translated straight into the national side but for the fact that the Exiles' scrum was in dreadful difficulty for an hour. Pat Whelan, the Ireland manager, was witness to their display, which moved from aggressive suspicion to blazing self-confidence and then almost capitulated at the

Perhaps Irish believed it

final moment.

SCORERS: London Irish: Try: Burous (12min) Conversion: Woods Penalty goals: Woods 3 (20, 40, 52) Dropped goals: Humphrays (76), O'Shaa (79) Wasps: Tries: Scrase (81), Wood (83)

O'Shea punished him by drop

It will have been little conso lation for Gregory that Scrase scored direct from his cross-

kick, while Wood's determ-

ination carried him through

for the final score. "We tried,"

Anderson said, "to build on

our qualities of Irishness, to

put the ball in the air and play

in their faces." Wasps know

exactly what he means.

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Saracens driven | Half backs plot by luxury Lynagh

BY MARK SOUSTER

THERE must be something in the air at Vicarage Road. Watford Football Club lead the Nationwide League second division by a distance and Saracens, their co-habitees, remain locked at the top of the Allied Dunbar Premiership with Newcastle after this convincing win yesterday.

Although Francois Pienaar,

the player-coach, emphasised

that it was unwise to get too carried away, he admitted that

Saracens were full of confi-dence and self-belief. "The players are to really starting to express themselves and the pack played well," he said. On this evidence, they will be contenders for the championship next May, especially with Lynagh in such splendid form. Ironically, Saracens were the slower into their stride and it was Gloucester who took the early initiative. The normally reliable Lynagh missed a straightforward penalty at-tempt in the third minute, while Mark Mapletoft, his opposite number, missed his first two penalty kicks. In

penalty that gave Saracens the Through the early endeavours of their pack, Gloucester scored the first try after 17 minutes when Tombs ran straight through Ravenscroft's attempted tackle. Mapletoft contrived to hit the upright with the conversion and then the diminuitive No 10 must have wished Vicarage Road

between those attempts.

Lynagh restored order with a

utes later, Free and Copsey their lead when Botterman Sella sprinted over.

and Fanohia to add consola-

SCOPER'S Surposite: Triest Lyragh (19), Schermen (22), Sella (20), Winterce (50), Chuter (70), Conversiones: Lyragh 4, Penalty goales: Lyragh 3 (10, 42, 50), Gloucester, Try: Combe 2 (17, 45), Mapiesott (77), Fenolus (80), Conversiones: Mapiesott (77), Fenolus (80), Conversiones: Mapiesott, Carman. SCOPING SEQUENCE: (Saracares first) 3-0, 3-5, 10-5, 10-5, 17-5, 24-5, (half-time), 27-5, 27-12, 30-12, 37-12, 42-12, 42-17, 42-24

24 SARACENS: M Singer, R Constable, P Selbs (rep: D Tornson, 50min), S Revenucroit, B Deinel, M Lynaph, B Free, B Reich; rep: A Cleve, 89), G Softsomen (rep: G Chuter, 65), P Western, D Greecock, A Copeey (rep: P Johns 65), A Bennert, F Plenser, A Liprose, Capting (ep: C Brenneron, 69min), A Lurischet, T Fernolus, R Tornbe, M Lloyd, M Mepletott (rep: N Oermen, 78), S Beroon, T Winde fropA Descon, 24), P Greening, R Fidler, D Sirrs, P Glernville, N Catter, E Pesco.

From the restart, he gifted Saracens their opening try when his clearance was charged down by Pienaar, who off-loaded the ball for Lynagh to score.

That knocked the stuffing out of Gloucester. Three minwere bundled into touch in the far corner, but, from the lineout, Botterman, the hooker, was driven over. After 30 minutes, Saracens extended took one against the head and

Lynagh converted and added a penalty soon after halftime before Gloucester roused themselves to set up Tombs for his second try Saracens, though, riposted with the score of the match. Tomson put in a thunderous tackle on Fanolua and, after a counterattack that spanned the length of the field, Paul Wallace drove over from a close-range ruck. Chuter charged over for Saracens ten minutes from time before the home side relaxed and allowed Mapletoft

Bristol success

Nonhampton 15

By JOHN HOPKINS

THERE is so much to admire at Bristol RFC, from the impeccable pitch unmarked after a football match on it the previous day to the unparalleled view from the top of one stand, that it is a pleasure to report not yet another defeat but an exciting victory. It was Bristol's first in the Allied Dunbar Premiership. Quite why a city of 750,000

people with such a sporting heritage cannot unearth a benefactor willing to provide the investment necessary to sustain a rugby club is a puzzle. Suffice to say that Bristol will continue to struggle so long as they aspire to remain competitive with clubs with a million or two to spend. The depressing retrain at the Memorial Ground is: "Any news of a backer?" "No, not

This was a struggle, make no mistake, but after Bristol had recovered from twice being behind to win their first league match, their men returned to the pitch to take a bow first in front of one stand then across the field to the other. You would have thought that they had won the

Though Tim Rodber-less, Northampton had more decision-takers, more stars, more talent. In addition, Matt Dawson's burgeoning career as a kicker flourished. He was successful with five attempts out of seven, generating considerable power from a very short run up. And it was only

eight days ago that North-ampton had beaten Leicester. What Northampton did not have was Bristol's zeal, their

doggedness, their determination not to lose. Two of the men who demonstrated this most were Robert Jones and Paul Burke. The wily Bristol half backs outplayed Northampton's illustrious pair. Jones reminding everybody again and again what a consumate player he is, even at 31, and Burke having one of those days with his kicking. particularly his drop-kicking. when he could not miss

anvining. Dawson kicked five penalties before half-time, Burke two and a dropped goal. Few would have bet on Bristol at that stage. They were trailing 9-15, having allowed Northampton to recover from 3-9 down to lead 15-9 in 30

In ten minutes after half-time, Bristol made sure of a victory that they will look back on with great affection. Though Northampton continued to dominate the lineout, Burke first kicked his third penalty goal and then David Tiueti zigzagged his way over for a try after a break by Jones. Burke, who converted, dropped a goal ten minutes later.

SCORENS: Bristot: Try: Tueb (57)
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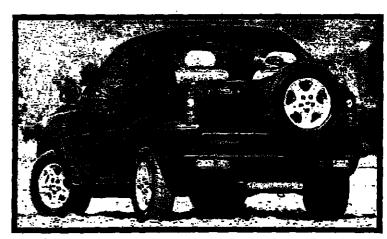
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Canterbury end championship drought

CANTERBURY silenced their critics resterday by winning New Zealand's National Provincial Championship first division for the first time in 14 years.
After losing in last years semi-final.
Canterbury used their powerful style of play to demolish Counties Manukau 44-13 in the final at Lancaster Park. Canterbury led 19-3 at half-time and finally scored six tries to one.

Errol Brain, the Counties captain, acknowledged Canterbury's effort as one

of the finest all-round displays this season. "They were just too good for us," he said. "Canterbury are a very fine side and we couldn't match them."

In the Currie Cup final at Newlands Stadium in Cape Town on Saturday, Justin Swart's first-half try and three penalty goals by Louis Koen gave Western Province a hard-fought 14-12 victory over Free State. A final surge by Free State in injury time fell short, with a last-second try called back because of a forward pass.

The five nations' champions, France, won the quadrangular Latin Cup in Tarbes by beating a spirited Argentine side 32-27 yesterday. The French clinched victory with five minutes to go when Christian Califano went over under the posts for a controversial try that was converted by Thierry Lacroix, of

Tonga opened their British tour with an entertaining 64-9 win over a Redruth President's XV.

SPORT

Great Britain a radical alternative

ndy Goodway is. perhaps, the most unlikely of choices as Great Britain's rugby league coach. As a player, he was a scourge of such men — and administrators and disciplinary committee chairmen too - and remains the only player to be banned for foul play of a different sort stealing the turkey for the Oldham Christmas raffle, "Actually, it was a capon, which sounds posher." he said. But they still gave me two matches."

When the gravel-voiced Goodway stuck out his cleft chin and spoke out, few answered back. Notorious he may have been, but the maturing of Goodway, as a person and as a coach with a fine technical grasp, meant that there was really only one man for the Great Britain job. He may be less hot-headed and argumentative, but he has not compromised his outspokeness, nor his passion for the game, which has been sorely tested over the past

His dismissal by Oldham in April, after a moderately successful three years on a modest budget, was a shabby affair. While he was being given the chairman's vote of confidence, his successor was apparently being lined up.

In May, he embarked on a 16-week survival course at Paris Saint-Germain, saving their Super League life at the expense of Oldham, whose deleat in Paris in the final match triggered the club's slide into liquidation.

Arnid the recriminations over his dismissal by Oldham, there is sadness at the demise of the club where he began his playing career as a part-timer, maintaining his other job as a milkman. "It's iust about dead and it was so unnecessary," he said. "The night Paris relegated Oldham was a job of business, no

he is again being asked to perform with limited re-



Goodway has maintained the brash passion of his playing days in his increasingly influential coaching career

sources with Britain, whose chances of upsetting the Australian Super League team in the three-match British Gas series, starting at Wembley on Saturday, are, at best, slim. At the end of it, Goodway, 36, who will also be in charge for the World Cup in Australia and New Zealand next October, will again be seeking fulltime work; confounding expectations and he could name his price for another

Goodway is not one for

failure of British sides in the world club championship disturbed him as much as everyone else and reinforced his opinion that the league structure and attitudes in general are hopelessly outdated. He appreciates that the British game's reputation in Australia has never been lower and that the credibility of the forthcoming series looks

In Andy Farrell, Jason Robhowever, he has individuals false hopes or promises. The who can instil enough fear in

shaky.

Australia to ensure that the result is not a foregone conclusion. Being written off so conclusively suits him. If he is feeling any pressure, it does not show.

The ranting and raving of his impressionable years form no part of his methodical approach to coaching. "Train hard, play hard," remains Goodway's philosophy. Players absorb his idiosyncratic tip sheets and listen avidly to

defender out of position. "I don't want to be judged

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BELL'S SCOTTISH LEAGUE: Premies division; Aberdeen v. Hearts; Durfermine v. Kintarnock; St. Johnstone v. Mothewed; V. Kintarnock; St. Johnstone v. Mothewed; Erst. division; Aberdeen v. Reeft; Durden v. Reeft.

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RUGBY UNION

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on three games, because I haven't got some key players and not a lot of time," he said. "I'll judge myself these next three weeks. I want to know if I can do it, whether I'm good enough to coach at this level."

Australia has always been his yardstick, which is why he would take a junior post there "To take a step back in order to go three forward," he said. A season at Manly-Warringah followed Britain's 1984 tour, when the prolific Goodway was one of the few. SAILING

Dutch and all-female crews out of contention

FROM BOWARD GORMAN SAILING CORRESPONDENT IN CAPE TOWN

THE first leg of the Whitbread Round the World Race was all but over yesterday, with only the Dutch crew in Brunel-Sunergy still to finish, a feat they are expected to achieve this morning, a week after the

Before the start five weeks ago in the Solent Dennis Conner, who manages the Toshiba campaign, predicted that the first leg would reveal little about which boats might end up being in serious contention towards the end of the race next May. He was right. Without exception, all the skippers have come ashore describing an unusual pat-tern that left the better finishers feeling lucky and those further down the fleet feeling.

players to enhance his reput-

ation. A year later, he joined

Wigan as the first fully-

and was instrumental as an

explosive yet elegant running

forward in the club's heyday.

first under Graeme Lowe and

Monie brought the best out

of the fiery Goodway and.

when a broken arm ruled him out for a season, raised eye-brows by placing him in charge of Wigan's academy

players. "A lot of things I'd done were just stupid." he

said. "With the academy lads,

I felt a sense of putting

me improved in some way."

could drive anyone to distrac-

We'll always be competitive,"

I want to play with

freedom." Spoken like a true

certain situations.

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something back in."

then John Monie.

ssional British player

badly done by. However, some conclusions can be drawn. Few would argue with the early form guide on the all-ternale boat. EF Education, which finished in minth place on Saturday afternoon, and on the Dutch. Neither are serious contend-

The first four boats to finish he Great Britain job, he added, "is another – EF Language, Merit Cup, step to attaining cred-Innovation Kvaerner and Silk ibility as a coach. Cut - are all products of twoboat programmes. Signifi-cantly, perhaps, the top two are the only ones from pro-grammes that built two state-You've got to be strange to coach in rugby league, given the short life expectancy, but I want success. Possibly say I didn't play to my full poten-tial, which is why I concenof the art new hulls. Half the ten-strong fleet sailed with 11 crew, while the rest opted for trate with the players on the little things to get the whole 12, yet among the top five boats, only one - Merit Cup right. Any player I've had would agree that they've left - sailed with 11.

While Paul Cayard, on EF Language, and Grant Dalton, on Merit Cup, will be looking The tearaway Goodway to consolidate a strong open-ing on the next leg, three tion. Now one of game's sharpest coaching minds, he has the knack of making skippers are under pressure to players want to play for him. improve. They are Lawrie Smith, on Silk Cut, who he said. "It's a question of should do well in classic whether we're smart enough Southern Ocean weather; Chris Dickson, on Toshiba, and quick enough to react to who cannot afford to reach "Great Britain have had a Fremantle much below third place, and Gunnar Krantz-on habit of playing conservative*redish Match*, who has had

a nightmare start to one of the

best-funded campaigns in the

BOXING

Schwer win keeps Duff out of retirement

FROM SRIKUMAR SEN BOXING CORRESPONDENT IN ZARAGOZA

BILLY SCHWER kept his hopes, and those of his manager, Mickey Duff, alive with a dramatic victory here on Saturday. Both Schwer and Duff were facing the prospect of considering retirement if the Luton lightweight failed in his challenge against Oscar Garcia, of Spain, for the

European championship. . Schwer needed an impor tant win to restore his confidence after his defeat by David Tetteh, of Ghana, in 1995 and to give him a high ranking to follow his world title ambitions. Duff needed time to consider his options after the loss of his ranking among managers after four o his world-rated boxers joined other promoters.

The break came in the tenth round when Schwer dropped a beautiful right on the Spaniard's chin. Garcia fell flat on his face. He got up and tried to continue, but it needed little more than a stiff jab to bring the referee, Bob Logist, of Belgium, to his

Schwer, who now takes over Garcia's second, fourth and sixth positions in the World Boxing Organisation, World Boxing Association and World Boxing Council rankings respectively, can confidently look forward to a world title bout next year.

As a contest, it was the most satisfying I have seen from a British boxer for a long time. At the time of the stoppage, Schwer was be-hind on the three judges's cards by seven, four and two rounds, though I had him level. He had no chance of winning on points and needed to produce a knockout

.Through courage, determination and good boxing, he set up Garcia for the big punch, lifting the contest above so many that pass for world championships.

In the eighth round, nose and his refusal to buckle under the relentless assubit broke the Spaniard's healt.

GUIDE TO THE WEEK AHEAD

TODAY FOOTBALL lock-oft 7:30 unless stated " denotes all-ticket match

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v Prestor (at Newcastle Town FC, 7 0). First
division: Manchester Cay v Port Vals (5 45);
Sundertand v Wolverhampton (at Durham
City FC, 7 6) Second division: Lincoln v
Poof tals (7 0).
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NORTHERN COUNTIES EAST LEAGUE: President's Cup: Second round: Brigg Town y Haffield Marr, Hall Road v Selby, Hallian v Annold: Winterton v North Fenby, Wortbrough Bridge v Rossington Main, FA YOUTH CUP: Third qualifying round: Stationard v Hartleyout

TOMORROW FOOTBALL

NATIONWIDE LEAGUE: First division: 8-mingram v Ipswich (7.45), Middles-brough v Huddersfield (7.45). VAUXHALL CONFERENCE: Mic Hatfat (7 45)

OTHER SPORT ICE HOCKEY: European League Manchester Storm v Spatis Prague (7.30) TABLE TENNES: European women's League: Super division: England is Germany (at Stough).

> WEDNESDAY FOOTBALL

WORLD CUP: European qualitying zone: Play-offs, first leg: Crossis v Ukraine (at Zagneb. 50); Hungary v Yugoslavia (at Budapea; 70); Ireland v Belgum (at Lansdomne Road); Russia v Italy (at Zagrac.
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NATION/MORE LEAGUE: First division; Merchester City v Crewe (7.45). Second division; Milmell v Bristot City (7.45).

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BELL'S SCOTTISH LEAGUE: Premier division: Hearts v Duntermine (7 45). RUGBY UNION OTHER SPORT

THURSDAY

MOCKEY: Women's international matter: England v South Korea (at Milton Keynes, 3 0)

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FOOTBALL NATIONWIDE LEAGUE: First division: Portsmouth v Swindon (7.45). Third di-rision: Colchester v Scurthorpe (7.45). OTHER SPORT HOCKEY: Women's International England v South Korea (at Milton

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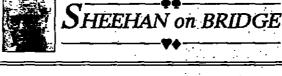
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ADE HOCKEY: Benson and Hedges Cup: Sem-final, final legt Cardiff Devis v Newcaste Cobras (5.50). TENNES: LTA women's challenger tour-nament at Ecotourgh).

SUNDAY FOOTBALL FA CAPLING PREMERSHEP: Eventon

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York Wash Valles; Edinburgh v Tonga XV für Goldenazie. 2.15; Scottish Boden v New South Walks (at Greenyards, Melose; OTHER SPORT



By Robert Sheehan, bridge correspondent

The Lederer Memorial Trophy is an invitation teams event, played at the Young Chelsea Bridge Club every autumn. There are teams with names like "All Stars". "Naturals", "Journalists", titles designed to bring in players that the audience might like to see, who wouldn't qualify on other grounds. There are also some teams like "Premier League winners", "Gold Cup winners" etc. who are eligible through current achievements. The 1996 winners were "London", though they had only one Cockney.

Today's hand from the 1996 event involved a standard communication play. The club position is more usually seen the other way up — dummy has the A J 9 x x and declarer the small cards — but good players recognise it from either cide

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Declarer played low from

dummy on the heart lead, and East won and returned the suit. Now declarer led a club from dummy, and at all tables East played the king. After he had won the ace declarer could still have succeeded by continuing the jack of clubs, but in practice he led a spade. East won and continued hearts, establishing the setting tricks for West, who got in with the queen of clubs to take them.

Notice that if East plays the ten of clubs on the first round of the suit declarer has an easy ride — he puts in the jack, and even if West ducks declarer can set up clubs by playing ace and another.

At tables where North was declarer in Three No-Trumps, East led a spade and the favourable club position meant that there were an easy nine tricks.

☐ The 1997 Lederer Memorial Trophy takes place at the Young Chelsea Bridge Club. 32 Barkston Gardens, London SW5 on November 8 and 9 with sessions at 2pm and 8pm on Saturday and lpm on Sunday. Spectators welcome - £5 per session or £10 for all three. Tickets on the door. Women qualify

In the world bridge champion-

ships, a strong finish to the round robin saw the British women qualify comfortably in fifth place for the knockout stages of the Venice Cup. The quarter-final draw is: Great Britain v China, USA I v Italy, USA II v Canada, France v Holland. After 32 boards of the 96-board quarter-final, Great Britain led 73-62.

The same states By Philip Howard

WHIPSAW a. An American bird b. A double disadvantage

SOVKHOZ b. A first cousin

VISGY a. A hedge beater b. Glutinous

c. A deputy governor ZOHAR a. A Persian oracle b. A Cabbalistic test c. A constellation



By RAYMOND KEENE CRIESS CORRESPONDENT

Harmonious play

The Russian grandmaster and former. Soviet champion. Mark Taimanov, was one of the celebrities of the Owens Corning international tournament at Wresham, Taimanov played a prominent role in-world chess combining his career as a grandmaster with that as a concert planist. However, in the early 1970s he was demolished by the score of 6-0 in a world championship qualifying contest by Bobby Fischer. This effectively put an end to Taimanov's. dreams of becoming world

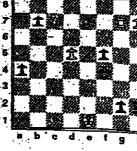
In the following game from Wrexham. Taimanov outmanoeuvres an American master who lacked the Russian's experience in complicated endgames.

White John Donaldson Black: Mark Taimanov Owens Corning, October 1997 Bogo-Indian Defence

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Diagram of final position



Veteran's victory

tournament in Ceska Trebova, Czech Republic, Viktor Korchnoi, 66, scored 41, out of 6 to take the clear first place ahead of Kavalek on 312. Fracnik on 212 and Smejkal on

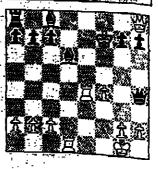
☐ Raymond Keene writes on chess Monday to Friday in Sport and in the Weekend

In the double round speed

section on Saturday.

By Raymond Keene

Black to play. From the game Reti. Amsterdam 1920. With the black king exposed and the white pieces all in play, the position looks promising for White How-ever, Reti now turned the tables with a fine combination. How did he continue? Solution on page 43



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c. An instrument of torture

a. Caviare with sour cream c. A state farm

RACING: ADVENTUROUS RAID PLANNED FOR DONCASTER WINNER

Saratoga Springs in line for Kentucky Derby tilt

MICHAEL TABOR is considering an adventurous raid on the Kentucky Derby with Saratoga Springs, who carried his colours to victory in the Racing Post Trophy at Doncaster on Saturday.

While that narrow success, at the expense of Mudeer, served as a fine conclusion to Tabor's remarkable season, it was greeted with indifference bookmakers betting on next year's domestic classics. But Saratoga Springs could yet perform a defining role in scaling, with the neatest symmetry, the emergence of a new sporting superpower.

For it was only in 1995 that Thunder Gulch launched a revolution in the bloodstock world, by winning the Kentucky Derby for Tabor. That horse was trained in California by D Wayne Lukas, but across enough frontiers to be enthused by the idea of seeking a new one with Saratoga Springs, who is trained in Ireland by Aidan O'Brien.

It is their embarrassment of riches that encourages Tabor pire and King Of Kings pre-pare for the 2,000 Guineas, a

"Travelling there and acting on dirt is a whole different ball game, but I could see him. being well suited by the race.

He loves a bit of rough and tumble, loves a big field, and the turns would suit him

thing I will have to discuss with Aidan, and with John Magnier and Demi O'Byrne. but Aidan is open to any suggestion that enables him to

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invaluable of Tabor's escorts must admit years, his young genius prome, going to Kentucky with a cial muscle of Tabor himself—
Tabor said yesterday.

Travelling there and according to the first impetus that here and on dirtie only fitting that the talk is of Robert Sangster, its former linchpin, stepping down from some of his racing commit-

> sterner test of O'Brien's quest for new horizons than Ken-tucky. His compatriot. Dermot Weld, set a standard he later exceeded in the Melbourne Cup by winning the 1990 Belmont Stakes with Go-And Go, while the dauntless Clive Brittain saddled Bold Arrangement to finish second in the Kentucky Derby in 1986. But those who have fared less well since include Arazi and Dr Devious in 1992 champion in the Breeders'

Cup the previous autumn, and

Dr Devious despite being good enough to win the Derby

at Epsom on his return. Henry

Cecil has also found it a

fruitless enterorise with Eltish two years ago. Saratoga plenty of experience during his juvenile career, resuming his progress since being stepped up to a mile. There was, moreover, a

reminder yesterday that the Irish racehorse can travel in style when Ebadiyla won the Prix Royal-Oak at Long-champ The Aga Khan's filly, who had a setback before running down the field in the There could, however, be no Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe on her previous start, was back to the form that won the brish Oaks. Her travelling companion, Oscar Schindler, was fourth in the Arc but did not get home over the longer trip; surrendering second to Snow Though open to older hors-

es, the Royal-Oak is the French St Leger, so yester-day's result duly completed a first British whitewash for over 30 years in every French and Irish classic. Some pride was restored, however, by Hever Golf Rose in the Prix du Petit Couvert. The mare has not recently matched the feats of her prime, but bounced back - on what could prove her final start - to deny the local favourite, Kistena.



Saratoga Springs stays on bravely to deny Mudeer, nearside, in the Racing Post Trophy at Doncaster on Saturday

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1998: MARKUD 8-10 F Lynch (14-1)" J Spearing 17 cm	٠.

2.30-E B F WIDNERPOOL MAIDEN STAKES (2-Y-0: £3,782: 7f 9yd) (14 runners) PANT SAFE S Crown is 19th 8-0 B Cockage

ALZAFRA (Airs) Haytoworth J G Sasyth-Outousou 8-9 B Cockage

ALZAFRA (Airs) Haytoworth J G Sasyth-Outousou 8-9 B Outland

OUR MOLEY MALONE 14 (Fonce Filles Personship) D Mortey 8-9 M Fontous

SPREE ROSE 20 (D Bass) K Counsington—Bassou 8-9 K Fallon

WILLA WOOSTER (Priss & Randing) P Mortey 8-9 S Drovete

4-1 Lossoons Dade, Modelal, North Olike Borden, Spree Base, Play Safe, 12-1 others.

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3.30 squirmel conditions stakes (£4.976: 1m 4f) (5 runners)									
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601	(14)		CRIADEL (Lady Hopschild) J 6 Strykt-Usborane 8-1)	_
		60	CLOUDS OF GLORY 48 (N Bryce-Smith) R Charten 8-11 G Center	60
603	(5)		DE-WOLF (B Wastehouse) P Makin 8-11 D Sweeney (3)	_
601	(1)		FODOS (L Mariespaulos) 6 Wagg 8-11 G Milligen (5)	_
806	(22)		EMPRICAL 90 (K Abduda) J Gorden 8-11 L Detteri	93
	(4)	Ō	FARY ROCK 10 (J Grant) B Hass 8-11 J Carrol	79
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	(9)		HETRA HEIGHTS 10 (K L West) W Musson 8-11 R Coctinant	61
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		Ō	JOLLY HARBOUR 40 (Mrs H Charlet) W Hagges 8-11 Jo Hannam (5)	37
			JUST DESERTS (David Gibson) P Makin 8-11 R Havin (3)	_
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			POSITIVE AR 11 (R Thombul) B McMahan 8-11 L Newton	95
	(19)		SCUTLAND BAY (J. Sterport) R Harmon 8-17	=
	."		SOPENCE 23 (Chereley Park Stud) 6 Wrago 8-11 M Hills	83
	(21)		SICY RED 23 (T Neur) M Bell 8-11 M. Fenton	85
	(18)		SOLO SPIRIT 25 (Mrs. Harnoson) J Jackies 8-11 J F Egan	94
	(12)		TOUGH RELL 6 (Godorphal Reging Partnership) Bob Jones 8-11 D Biggs	_
		. 0	TREBLE TERM 52 (Mrs P Makin) P Makin 8-11	78
			es, 11-2 Empirical, 7-1 Gandoura, Lindesberg, 10-1 Bodos, Fairy Pock, 12-1 others	
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2.50 EBF TAUBER MAIDEN STAKES

3.20 BURR STAKES (2-Y-0: £4,653; 51) (8)

(Dlv II; 2-Y-0; £3,143; 71) (9)

LIGHT STEP can use his expenence to defeat the highly regarded Margott

4.30 THRUSSINGTON HANDICAP

ŀ	(13,	691: I	51 21 8y	d) (22 runners)	
ı	1	(22)	0000002	ROYAL DOME 9 (F,G) (G Jones) M Years 5-10-1 J Carroll	7
ı	2	(77)	1130053	ROFFEY SPINNEY 6 (D) (Mrs D Cock) R Harmon 3-9-12 Dame (Finell)	- 7
l	3	(15)	2506236	BRDADSTAIRS BEAUTY 8 (V,D,F,G,S) D Staw 7-9-10 C Tempte (3)	- 7
	4	(18)	6- P R000	SAILORMATTE 63 (CD.6.5) (5 Bownsy) S Bownsy 6-9-9 S Webster	6
				DEPRECIATE 10 (C,G) (V R Bedley) C James 4-9-7 T Lucas	7
				CORNACHE CUEST 7 (D.F.G.S) (M Bishop) M Channes 4-9-7 A Editory (7)	7.
	7	(E) 4	436200	TRACER OSMASTON 35 (D.F.S) (J Lub) R Hodges 6-9-6 2 S Drowne	7
l				WATCH THE PIRE 23 (D.F.G.S) (E Carter) J Banks 4-9-6	E
ı				STATOYORK 116 (F) (J Frebuell) D Sharf 49-3	7
l				MEDINIGHT SHIFT 32 (D,S) (C Miles) II Guest 3-9-3 K Fallon	7
	11			BAYTH 22 (BF,CD,F,G,S) (T Barbar) M Ushar 8-9-2	
	12			RAMSEY HOPE 27 (V.D.F) (C Batter-Lorent) C Features 4-9-2 14 Kennedy	6
				SUPERBIT 22 (D.F.G.S) (A) Smith) B McMathon 5-9-1 L Newton	6
	14			NEWLANDS CORNER 42 (B,D,F) (July Stokes) J Alabers 4-9-1 . D Biggs	7
				ROCKCRACKER 22 (B.D.F) (P Aron) G Maspasson 5-8-11 M Henry (3)	6
				U-NO-HARRY 5 (CO,F) (D Coppenhall) R Halfinshead 4-8-11 F Lynch	В
				GENERAL SIR PETER 32 (B.F.G.S) N Calaptan 5-8-10 Amanda Santers	7
	18			BONYALLIA MILL 179 (D) (Mrs. 8 Jellery) A Streeter 3-8-9 R Haván (3)	
ı	19			DOUBLE MARCH 26 (Mrs P Scott-Dunn) K heavy 4-8-6 & Faulteer (5)	
l	20			AL REET 14 (D.S) (Germini Partnership 4) S Bouring 6-8-8 Date Gibson	6
				GAY BREEZE 39 (C.D.F.6) (P Felgale) P Felgale 4-8-7 J Fowle (7)	7
				BATALEUR 22 (B,D,S) (M World) G Woodward 4-5-7 G Carter	7.
	BETTI			Sir Peter, 8-1 Royal Dome, Mawlands Carper, Rockcracker, 10-1 Rofley Spinney, Co	met

☐ Second Empire, the promising Aidan O'Brien-trained colt, has been cut from 10-1 to 6-1 with Coral for next season's Vodafone Derby at Epsom.

Clark to appeal against ban

appeal against the five-day unscathed.

ban he picked up after a three- After the subseq

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on Saturday.
The incident occurred 150 yards out when Clark's mount, Beware, and Who Nose, the eventual first and second, veered towards each other as they pressed for the line. In the interference that followed The Boy John, Mountaine and Perfect Harmony were all brought down.

Chris Rutter, the rider of Perfect Harmony, sustained a broken wrist in the mishap, but the other two jockeys involved, Richard Quinn and

After the subsequent stew-

horse pile-up in the Dick and inquiry Clark and ap-Dawson Nursery at Newbury prentice Gabriel Hannon, who rode the runner-up, were both found guilty of eareless riding. Hannon was banned for nine days (November 3-4, 6-8, 10. 13-15) and Clark five days (November 3-4, 6-8).

The officials found that be supporting him," Peter Beware had interfered with Harris, the rider's agent, said. days (November 3-4, 6-8). The officials found that

> Nan: STEP ON DEGAS (4.20 Lingfield Park) Next best: Meshhed (3.00 Leicester)

RICHARD EVANS

TONY CLARK will lodge an Warren O'Connor, escaped third-placed Hill Magic and then interfered with Perfect Harmony. They also found that Who Nose had interfered with The Boy John. But they ruled that in neither case had

the interference improved their placings. "Tony will definitely be appealing and Robert Arm-Tony is one of the strongest jockeys going and had his whip in the correct hand. He did everything he could to hold together a tired two year-old racing on bad ground." However, Hannon has ruled

out an appeal.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

THUNDERER 12.50 Dancing Feather, 1.20 Confidente, 1.50 Cettic Pageant, 2.20 Secret Bourne, 2.50 Khalas, 3.20 CORTACHY CASTLE (nap), 3.50 Keen Waters. Timekeeper's top rating: 1.50 CELTIC PAGEANT.

Newmarket Correspondent: 3,20 TITANIC (nap). DRAW: 5F-7F (TURF), HIGH NUMBERS BEST 12.50 GRAHAM POTTER HANDICAP (AW: 3-Y-0; 52,966: 1m 2f) (11 numers)

11-4 Azanti Bion, 4-1 Kalil, 9-2 Soden, 11-2 Casties Burning, 7-1 Jeabella Gonzago. 70-1 Lochinss, 14-1 Cancing Fowler, 16-1 others.

1.20 EBF MONICA BARNES BERTHDAY MAIDEN FILLIES STAKES (ON 1: 2-Y-O: £3,143: 7f) (10) | Contents 5-2 Confidente, 7-2 Red Rebbl, 4-1 Chocolon, 11-2 Sharesa, 7-1 Housekeeper, 16-1 Azalino, Magic Spring, 20-1 others

1.50 EBF TAUBER MAIDEN STAKES (Div I: 2-Y-0: £3,143:7f) (16)

(Div F. 2-Y-O: £3.143:77) (16):

1 (0) 2002. CGLTIC PAREAMT 13. (BF) R. Aleshurst 8-11 ... T. Daten RES

2 (4) De CHRYSOUIT £2 B. Hills. 8-11 ... R. Hills. 73

4 (6) 4 ELLWAY PRINCE 138. (BF) R. Aleshurst 8-11 ... T. Sparler. 74

4 (6) 4 ELLWAY PRINCE 138. (BF) (Bahadaga 1-1. Kartin Diview 75

5 (2) 020 FREE OF DINN 11 B. Harbory 8-11 ... W. Rysta. 24

6 (9) 500 HICCION 96 M. Hagnas 8-11 ... W. Rysta. 24

7 (7) 6 HOPETUL STAR 25 Miles & Nethousy 8-11 ... A Winshin (3) 62

8 (1) WESTER TRICAY P. Mileshall 8-11 ... J. Reid. 28

8 (5) 6 PARDY CRUST 12 V. Stome 8-11 ... J. Reid. 29

10 (3) 0.0 2ADA 4 6 (1. Minos 8-1) ... J. Reid. 20

10 (3) 0.0 2ADA 4 6 (1. Minos 8-1) ... A Clark 57 2.20 EBF MONICA BARNIES BERTHDAY MAIDEN FILLIES STAKES (DW1: 2-Y-D: E3,114: 7f) (10)

3-1 Parsoll Venture, 5-1 Madipitals, Paydol. Secret Bourse, 6-1 others BUNGERED FREST TRIE: Lalcester. 2.00 Zuyet. Lingfield Paric. 12:50 Emmires. Sheddd: 2.20 Amounting Peace. 3.20 Lege Se Frendy Townster. 1.40 Northern Guy, Orchard King

11-10 Titanic, 3-1 Cortacty Castio, 6-1 Fare Indigo, 8-1 Manifes Pride, 10-7 Legs Be Frendly, 16-1 English Lady, 25-1 Super Gell, 50-1 Regulo 3.50 ELM HANDICAP (All-weather: £3,356: 1m 4f) (14) 1 (8) 2200 MYSTIC QUEST 23 (9) K McAufale 3-9-10 J Wasser [35]
2 (4) 0106 ENGLISH MAADER 21 (C.D.S) C Duyer 6-9-5 D 0 Donothou 57
3 (12) 450 DUMABRATTIN 12 D Thom 4-9-2 M Wighton 46
4 (1) 1540 HARRLEON 25 (D.F.S) B Pating 3-9-2 M T Sprates 3-5 (5) 400 AWESDAR POWER 165 (C.S.) J Hits 11-8-9 R Hits 47
5 (14) 2111 HARLEONN WALK 144 (CD.F.S) B 0 Sulhem 6-8-8 JOHN 61 (14) 2117 HARLEGURI WAULT 14 (COLF.6) B O'Sultran 6-9-8
JOhn 61
[5] 5300 REHANE 39 (V.P. Nics B Sanders 4-8-7
[6] 5300 LUNE 2019 Butler 4-8-1
[7] 1300 LUNE 2019 Butler 4-8-1
[7] 1040 QUINCOMSE HALL 8 (G) C Cycs 4-8-1
[7] A Whiston (3) 57
[7] 0003 KRAYYAN DAWN 20 (C.D.F.) J Alebast 7-7-13
[8] REPORT (3) 60
[10] 1000 CW DER COMMEST 1 (D Z.J. R) D. E.S. R. Berner 4-7-10 11 (7) 0003 IGHATTAN LIMITED AND THE REPRESENT (3) DU 12 (10) 1630 COLOUR COURSELLOR 7J (B.D.F.G) R Flower 4-7-10 Martin Duyer 57 13 (13) 0020 STREMETH OF VISION 34 C Egetion 3-7-10 Pressey (3) 54 13 (13) MAZEU STREEM, MATERIS 20 (D,F) Mits S Williams 3-7-10 14 (2) 1440 KEEN WATERIS 20 (D,F) Mits S Williams 3-7-10 A Polit (3) 59 4.20 FALLING LEAF LIMITED STAKES (All-weather: £2,277: 71) (16) 9-2. Akalim, 6-1 Metoules, 7-1 Analysis, 8-1 Pegacus Bay, Step On Dages, 10-1 log's Deed, Swift, Desage Place, 12-1 sthers **COURSE SPECIALISTS**

TRADIERS: V Strane, 3 witness from 17 normers, 27.3%; J Goosten, 18 tron 71, 25.4%, B Harborn, 10 irons ed, 20.5%; L Castreni, 6 irons 29, 20.7%, J Berry, 34 from 185, 20.5%; M Steude, 15 irons 76, 19.7%; R Armstrong, 17 irons 99, 18.5%; A Steude, 15 irons 76, 19.7%; R Armstrong, 17 irons 99, 18.5%; G Steude, 15 irons 76, 19.7%; R Hills: 17 irons 25, 20.0%; W Fiyan, 31 irons 196, 15.8%; T Onlyin, 49 from 320, 10.3%; J Reid, 25 irons 163, 15.3%; G Hind, 11 born 74, 14.5%.

SATURDAY'S RESULTS

Doncaster Going: good

Golng: good
1.40 (7) 1. Florezi (M.J. Kinene, 4-1 lav): 2.
Lulo (12-1): 3. Inchalong (6-1): 14 nan. kR
Prastonen Gold Ns. 21. J Dunlop. Tote: 05-20, 02-20, 03-30, 01-30, DF-228 70. Tote: 05-20, 02-20, 03-30, 01-30, DF-228 70. Tote: 05-20, 02-20, 03-30, 01-30, DF-228 70. Tote: 05-20, 05-5: 04-20, 01-30,

(128-44 Inteast 12,188 of. 3.10 (7f) 1, Jo Mell (O Pestier, 11-8 tov); 2, Swiss Law (2-1); 3, Nigrasine (8-1) 5 ran NR: Begart Warning, 14(), b) T Easterby Yote: £2.30, £1.40, £1.40, DF: £1.80 CSF: £3.94.

E3.94.
3.40 (7m) 1, Serstoga Springs (M.) Kinane, 9-2); 2, Mudeer (9-2); 3, Mutarrem (13-2) Kilmerlero 7-2 lav. 8 ran. Sh hd, 11. A C'Brien. Tote: £4.40: £2.10. £1.80. £2.50 DF; £1.90. CSF; £23.20.
4.15 (61) 1, Richtoyaur (R. Hills, 9-4 lav.), 2. Special Treat (10-1), 3. Determent (4-1), 10 ran. HJ, 6th hd. R Armstrong. Tote £3.00: £1.80. £2.40, £1.50. DF £14.50 Trec: £17.40 CSF; £22.96. 517.40 CSF . 522.96. 4.45 (Im 4) 1. Al Azher IA McGione, 8-1); 2. Vendian (11-1); 3. Pokoy (16-1); 4. Oops Petite (12-1), Zeppour 11-4 lav 17 ren NR. Insemark: 1161. Ind. I Baiding, Toter 59.90. 52.00, 52.00, 53.50, 52.10. DF . 530.20. Trio. 5255.20. CSF - 597.18 Tricast: \$1,259.18.

Jackpot: \$255,534.10 [part won. Pool of £3,559.07 cerried forward to Lelcester today). Placepot: £51.80. Quasipot: £11.20. Newbury

2.60 1, Prince Of Denial (4-1 lav); 2, Strazo (13-2); 3, Zalitzine (11-1); 15 ran. 2.30 1, Kallana (7-2); 2, Kutta (11-2); 3, Busy Flight (9-4 lav), 10 ran, NR: Proper Blue

Blue
3,00 1, Distant Mirage (4-7 tav); 2, Evander (7-1); 3, Komistiar (7-2) 5 ran.
3,30 1, Relies A Prince (6-1); 2, Protocol (100-30); 3, Story Line (7-2) Once More For Luck 3-1 tav. B ran. NR: Mountameer 4,00 1, Beweere (14-1); 2, Who Nose (33-1); 3, Half Magic (20-1); 4, Tuilsin Refrair (25-1). Robin Goodfellow 7-2 tav. 19 ran

4.30 1, Flying Bold (10-1), 2, Acebo Lyona (10-1); 3, Bettron (12-1) Man-Ela 11-2 tav 14 ran. Carlisle

1.50 1, Spenish Verdict (5-1), 2, Spiders Delight (16-1); 3, Run For The Mili (25-1) Silverdale Led 8-11 (ev. 7 ran NR: Lord Of The Loch The Loch

2.20 1, Jennie's Prospect (2-1); 2. Dont
Forget Curits (12-1); 3. Recruitment (7-1).
He's Got Wings 4-6 tex 6 ran

2.50 1, Pentlands Flyer (4-7 tex), 2. Well
Appointed (9-4); 3. Jesunity General (14-1).

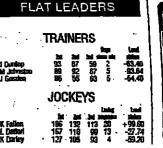
7 ran. 3.20 1, Kinda Groovy (7-1), 2, Four From Home (9-4), 3, Gale Ahead (7-4 tax) 5 ran 3.55 1, Lord Of The West (6-4), 2, Boarding School (4-1); 3, Fiveleigh Builds (Evens fav) 3 ran. 4.25 1, Supertop (5-4 lav); 2, Highland Way (10-1); 3, Down The Fell (11-2) 6 ran.

5.00 1. Sotattile (7-4); 2, Tuzo (6-1); 3, Mr Kelburne (Evens tav). 5 ran. NR: Valhalia. Market Rasen

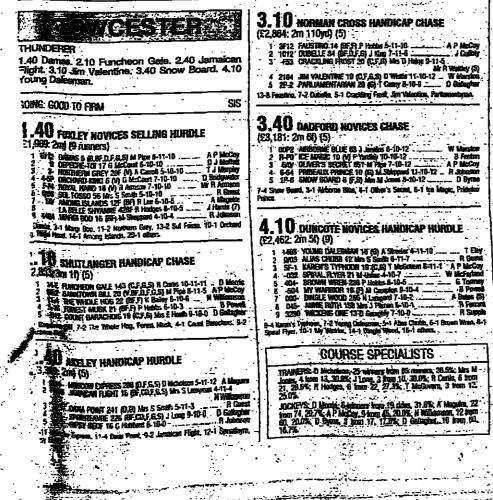
2.15 1. Oakbury (8-1); 2. Ahican Sun (16-1); 3; Xaspete (100-30). John Tufty 6-4 tav. 8 ran. 2.45 1, Hoh Warrior (4-1); 2, Cheryl's Lad (11-4 fav), 3, Tom Brodie (3-1), 6 ran 3.15 1, Smith Too (9-1); 2, Couchant (4-7 tav); 3, Nocatchim (33-1) 5 ran. 3.50 1, Hermes Harvest (14-1), 2, High-beeth (4-6 lev); 3, Rhosskii Bay (8-1), 5 ran 4.20 1, Indiana Princess (14-1); 2, Golden Thunderbolt (10-1); 3, As You Like It (16-1) Traceability 9-4 lay 19 ran NR Shark 4.50 1, Symbol Of Success (5-1); 2, Johns The Boy (11-4); 3, Double Achievement (20-1), Galen 2-1 lay 9 ran. 5.20 1, Bigsound (15-8 tav); 2, Mr Jak (8-1), 3, Bilippessofi (8-1), 17 ran.

Worcester

2.35 1, Northern Drums (8-13 fav); 2 Getway Boss (3-1); 3, White Willow (20-1) 6 ran- NR: Honeybed Wood 3.06 1, No Light (5-4 lav); 2, Sigma Rum (100-30) Only two (inished, 3 ran) 3.35 1, Rowlington (2-5 lav); 2, Certain Shot (7-2); 3, Life's Work (15-2), 6 ran. 4.10 1, Strong Tarquin (13-8 lav): 2, Highland Jack (7-4) Only two finished 3 ran 4.40 1, Northern Startight (8-11 fav.; 2, Morstock (7-4); 3, Donfleavethenest (11-2) 4 ran NR Jacarto. 5.10 1, Silver Standard (13-2), 2, Casso's Boy (100-30); 3, Soldel (4-5 fav.) 4 ran







BASEBALL

WORLD SERIES: Florida 1 Cleveland ((best-al-seven series lied at 3-3) BASKETBALL

BUDWEISER LEAGUE: Lacester 95 Wal-NATIONAL LEAGUE Merr. First division: Mid Susser 69 Coventry 77. Notingham 67 Stivenage 61: Orderd 81 Covidingham 67 Stivenage 61: Orderd 81 Coviding 55. Notingham 68 Object 60: Orderd 81 Coviding 65. Southampton 67 Stoke 91: Ware 67 Tauthon 87 Women First division: Berningham 62 Notingham 62 Notingham 63 Notingham 63 Notingham 63 Notingham 63 Notingham 63 Notingham 64 Notingham 65 Stelled 72 Trumps Valley 41. Second division. Chelmstord 59 Livenpool 46: Denicator 68 Wandshorth 43, Mantissler 68 Prymouth 34; Sheffield 72 Tyrne and Wear 65 Presponed: Richmond v South Wates NATIONAL LEAGUE: Merc First division

BOWLS

DENNY CUP. Second round: Whiteinights of Brackley 102-53. Harts of Harpender 89-65. West Seeks to Bankuy 65-72, Waterd of Betership 108-88, last of Stolk Mandewife 99-61: Harby Cross to IS 304-91-70. Under the Forhal 68-63. Gosting of Serverage 73-70. Bristo to Came Dundor 93-50: Sumdon Westisco to Bentaum 33-68. Tharrescloun to North Was 16-69. Chuser Miller bi Rahmer 116-69. Chuser 116-69. Chuser 116-69. Chuser 116-69. Chuser 116-69. Chuser 116-69. Weston St Andrews 18-69. Chuser 116-69. Weston St Andrews 18-69. Chuser 116-69. Weston 116-69. Tandron 25-53: Whookgomy bi Focuseury 92-72. Intrinster 1 Young 9-80. Westonstrip bi Rahmer 125-53: Whookgomy bi Rahmer 125-53: Whookgomy bi Rahmer 116-69. Econ 116-46: Sca bi Eumouth Milder 101-16. Floothy th North Devon 108-46: Sca bi Rahmer 100-57. Stanley bi Galleshead 80-78. South Shelts bi Houghton 103-51. Great Aychte bi Durham 107-62: Blackpool Round 111-69. Boston 11 Durham 107-69. Blackpool Newton 101-80. Boston 11 Durham 105-64. Sassettaw bi Spelding bi Garaffram 82-63. Bassettaw bi Spelding bi Garaffram 82-63. Bassettaw bi Spelding bi Garaffram 82-63. Bassettaw bi

Louth 97-59: Lincoln bt Rushchile 87-88, South Forest of East Lindsey 80-78, Noringham bt Erewach 82-75: Cambridge Chesperton bt Lawson Park 89-69, Peterborough bt Cay of Ety 81-80. Mid Sulfok bt Suctoury 98-84; Hurringdon bt West Row 99-61: Bedford Hurringdon bt West Row 99-61: Bedford Hurringdon bt West Row 99-61: Bedford Borough bt Cambridge and County 78-75, Ross Puers bt Wisbech 88-85, Risbygete beat Felosistere & Sulfok 94-87, Church Gradley bt Birmingham 95-70: St Neots bt Brandon 80-78: Auro Valley bt Chambrod 88-48; Cartion bt Welbord-on-Avon 84-76. Metton Mowbray bt Rushden 79-86. Wellingborough by Bosborough (Northampton) 91-72; Leosater bt Coveriny 82-75: Pinewbod Park bt Acle 88-87, County Arts bt Roundwood 84-71: Lymsport bt Great Yamourh 96-74. Gallow bt Bowlers (Doreham) 98-85: Wymondham Bell bt Noriols 80-72. Doss bt Shotford 88-68. Falcon bt Southand 84-87; Tibury bt Cheshunt 104-59; Haffield bt Barking 77-73; hrawich bt Colchester 84-71. Essex County bt I ye Grean 87-70. Jacks Ceribre bt Behones Stortford 83-81. Havening bt Towerlands 114-59; Bhod bt Claction 80-61: Wey Valley bt Proketts Lock 92-61; Paddington bt King George Field 80-70. Hounslaw bt Richmood 78-70. Cambridge Park, bt Enghan 103-84. Cambriely bt Mansheld 75-74. The Lawns bt Bribonder 73-87; Cantury bt Loddon Vale 71-88. Old Coulsdon bt Temple 107-45. Croydon bt Mode Valley 110-57. Mode Park bt Brisch 107-51; Sulfon bt Fernac Arthur 72-71; Mangate bt Royal Turbonge Wells 82-67. Oylon bt Easthourne 84-70. Folkestone bt Spenton Park 95-69; Preson (Brighton) bt Korn Arted 104-56. Guillers bt South 93-84 Angel (Tombridge) bt Horstein 101-48. Bourmemouth bt Adur 90-73. Fine Rivers bt Worthing Park 95-69; Preson (Brighton) bt SPR and 10W 128-65; Athertey bt Benister Park 84-75.

BOXING

DEESIDE LCISURE CENTRE. North Weles: Vacant Bittish bentamweight championship: P Lloyd (Elesmene Port) bit F Amporto Beltmai Green) pls (Lloyd also interior fris Commonwealth We) Cruster-weight (mots): A Gunt (Ma) bit T Small (Birmanghen) as Sit. Super-middleweight (Brother). D. Linna. weight (Ands): A Gurov (Und) of 1 Simmy (Birmorg): Experimental bir D. Juma (Birmorg): Dis Middleweight (Amds): C Writer (Wahingtort) bir G Richards (Birmang-ham) as 2nd Light-middleweight (Birmos): A Dottouley (Riuss) bir J Vincent (Birmorg) ham bir Lightweight (Ands): T Tortichev (Bull) bir K Taylor (Birmingham) pis

Garcai Cono (Sp. holdor) ree 10th BUDAPEST: World amateur championshipe: Finals: 91kg: R Chargaver (Uzb) bt F Savon (Cuba) 14-4 73kg; Z Erde Run) bt A Hemandaz (Cuba) 8-2 67kg; O Salkov Russ) bt S Conzonak (Urb) 2-1 60kg; A Maletin (Russ) bt T Usumen (Mong) 15-7. 64kg; R Maletinskov (Russ) bt W Font (Cuba) 18-6 51kg; M Manatia (Cuba) or I Razispov (Russ) 18-3, 48kg; M Romero (Cuba) bt R Velesco (Phil) 9-1.

CRICKET Third Test match

Pakistan y South Africa FAISALABAD (third day of five): Palestan, with all second-immigs wickets in hand, need 142 runs to best South Africa SOUTH AFRICA: First Innings 239 (G Kirsten 100 not out; Wasam Akram 4-42) A M Bacher low b Mushteq 14

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G Kirsten c Mushtan b Washim ... 4
S M McMillan c Moin b Mushtan ... 21
P L Symbox law b Saquelin ... 55
D J Cuillinan Ibw b Mushtan ... 15
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10 J Richardson Ibw b Wagar ... 0
L Klusenes Ibw b Saquelin ... 38
A A Donald b Saquelin ... 8
P R Advence c smyl b Mushtan ... 8 Total (89 overs) 214
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-16, 2-21, 3-63, 4-97,
5-140, 6-140, 7-140, 8-187, 9-201.
BOWLING Wastin Alvam 11-0-46-1; Waqer
Yourus 14-2-43-2; Mushtaq Airmed 22-657-4; Saqlain Mushtaq 15-6-36-3; Azher
Mehmood 7-2-16-0

PAKISTAN: First Innings

Total: (86.4overs) 308
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-10, 2-18, 3-42, 4-74, 5-80, 6-224, 7-229, 8-246, 9-304
BOWLING: Donald 17.4-1-79-2: Policol: 20-564-2; Adams 23-5-69-1; Symcox 9-2-39-0; Klussen: 8-1-30-2; McMillen 7-1-20-0; Cronjs 5-3-6-2

Total (no wids) _ OWILING: Adams 2-1-4-0; Sympox 1-1-Umpires Steve Durin (New Zeeland) and Mian Aslam (Pakistan)

FOR THE RECORD

ompags saled Out (New Zeigand) and Main Aslam (Palsian) TOUR MATCHES: Ceims (final day of lour): New Zeigand 196 and 248 (S P Haming 62); Queensland 571-9 dec (New Love 201 tettred hart), (one day), Ducens-land 282-8 (A Symonds 75, J P Mater 72; New Zeiband 125 (B A Young 45, P W Jackson 5-22). Jackson 5-22).
SHEFFIELD SHEELD (theil day of tour):
Sydney Victoria 509-6-dec and 279-8 dec ()
J Harvey 109, G E Gardiner 55); New South
Wales 407-4-dec and 225-3 (M J Steer 35,
S R Waugh 60 not out) Penth Western
Auctrelia 477-5 dec; South Austrelia 142
and 256 (G Blewelt 76, B Julan 6-45)

CURLING

BEFNE, Renault trophy tourmanent: The breaks: P Truisen (Nor) bt W Smith (Scot) 6-4. C Schwalter (St Marine) bt G Muirhead (Scot) 6-1. Cuentre-finels: Schwalter VI E Ramsjoff (Nor) 9-8: K Marine (Carr) bt P Nezics (Swit) 7-8: H McMillan (Scot) bt Trusen 6-3: D Herbrey (Get) bt W Wallace (Can) 9-7: Semi-finals: Schwalter bt McMillan 6-5: Marin bt Herbrey 9-2: Finalt-Schwalter bt Nezin 5-3. Third place play-off: McMillan bt Herbrey 6-4. CYCLING

Road racing
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Louve at 29sec; 3, M Beckstedt (Swe) 1mm;
4, D Ryder (SA) 1.07; 5, D George (SA)
108. 4. D Ryder (SA) 1.07; 6, D George (SA) 1.08.

TWICKENHAM CC (Ottershew, Surrey; 58 miles): 1, R Hund (ASPRA Flanders) 2.15 37; 2.8 Ecombe (Fastwal RC) at 1.35; 3. R Fenton (Colourlech RT) same ume:

Cyclo-cross

MACCLESFIELD WHIELERS (South Park, 12.5 miles): 1, T Gould (Schwitzer-Toyota) 101 45; 2, G Foord (South Injensione); at 16sec; 3, C Analey (Hope Technology) at 1.35

SALISBURY RC (Brook Farm, Timebury, neer Romsey, 11 miles): 1, R Purrbelow (Hargrowes Cycles) 1.04; 18; 2, P Rice (Army) CJI at 52sec; 3, J Blann (Liphook) at 1:45

EAST LIVERPOOL WHEELERS (Otterspool Park, 12 mass): 1, P. Evans (Diamondbeck) 54:15; 2, D. Bratistord (Giant RT) at 24sec, 3, M. Battey (Team Cheveni same sime.

Hill climb

HTTC NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP PROvision Bar, Derbyshma, 1,964 yards)* 1,8 Dangeriset. (Wreefbass CG)* Smin-12 Bisset (course record); 2, J Hendeston (Odord Universit) CCI 5 19.29; 3, J Wright (North East RT) 5.22.88. Teams Wheefbass CC (S Dangerield, M Andrew, C Golighty) 17:49 8 17:49 B
BRITISH UNIVERSITIES SA CHAMPIONSHIP (Curbar Gap, Derbyshire, 1,796 yarts; 1,149arderson rOxford) 5:06 9; 2, R
Homer (Loughborough) 5:29:3; 3, D
Coulson (Shefred Hallam) 5:30 4, Teams
Oxford J. Henderson, D. Symons, M.
Cubson) 17:28 4

GYMNASTICS

BERLIN: Rhythmic gymnastics world champlonship: Team: 1, Russe 118,676/st; 2, Belatis 118,284; 3, Unrane 118,295; 6, German 119,297; 5, Bulgana 78,290, 6, Italy 77,927; 7, Spein 77,517; 8, Spein 78,957; 6, Spein 78,957; Individual; 1 E Vetescherko (Liq.) 39,900pts; 2 N Liptovestola (Russ) 39,866, 3 Y Estynoctiva (Russ) 39,862; 4 E Parkine (Belat) 39,703; 5 Y Residen (Belat) 39,623; 6 7 Alexandrone (Bul) 39,550, 7 E Serrana (FI) 39,492; 8 T Popova (Lie) 39,482

ICE SKATING

DETROIT, Michigant Pigure competition:
Pairs: Leading final positions after free strate: 1, M Elsova and A Bushkov (Russ)
1.5 factored places. 2, K fine and J Dungjer (US) 35; 3 E Shothova and V Neumov (Russ) 40; 4. M Mandes and J M Bornbarder (Can) 65; 5. M Khathurna and A Kroukov (Kaz) 80 Woment Free strate; 1, M kwan (US) 10; 2, 1 Lipina) (US) 20; 3, E Sokolova (Russ) 30, 4. A Nikodinov (US) 40, 5; Y Lavenenchuk (Ulet 50; 6, 3) Lavenov (Austria) 60; 7; Y Karnazawa (Japen) 70; 8, F Cagnard (Fr) 80; 9, 4) Detroine (Can) 90; 10, 13 Bornbarder (b) 100, Leading final positions: 1, Kwan 15; 2, Lipinaki 30; 3, Sokolova 60; 4. Nikodinov 60; 5, Lavenchuk 65; 6, Lautova 65; 7, Ketazawa 11,0; 8, Cagnard 130; 9, Denochie 135; 10, Bornbarder 125; Men'e finals; 1, T Bidreige (US) 65; 2, E Pushankor (Russ) 30; 3, A Atri (Ruse) 50; 4, 9 Davis (US) 65; 5, V Zagorodnuk (Ukr) 65; 6, E Pluta (Ukr)

10.5, 7, F Honde (Japan) 10.5; (Honda was severifi due to Platat's better marks in the short program) 8, J Damprimee (Carl) 11,0. Leading free derives final positions 1, E. Puresien and J. Susilion (LIS) 20; 2, 8. Fusar Poi, M. Margagio. (8) 40; 3, 8. Semenowich and V Fedorov (Russ) 7, 7, 4, K. Mirarova and M. Simacek (Cz) 7,0; 5, 0. Denkaud and M. Jaffredo (F.) 10.6.

MOTOR RALLYING

OYPHANT: Minition Netional series; Seventh round: 1, M Dock and S McAuley Ford Escort Cessionth) the 25min 36sec, 2, S Herron and P McChas (Subaru Legas) 1:27:23; 3, C Mellows and J Barmie (Ford Escort WRC) 1:27:47; 4, R Duckworth and M Broomfield (Subaru Impreza) 1:29:21; 5, S Dalgamo and M Ferreis, Ford Escort Cessorth) 1:30:03; 6, J Burn and S Outlie McS Metro 874; 1:30:09 Final overeith positions; 1, B Lysti 1:25pts; 2, M Granson 98; 3, S Dalgamo 92.

REAL TENNIS

MELBOURINE Australian Open: Semi-finals: R Febry bt J Snow 6-4, 6-1, 6-2; F Figure bt M Gooding 2-8, 6-3, 6-4, 4-6, 6-1

ROWING

MARLOW SCULLS: Open: 1, 1 Watson (London) 18ms 12eac (apen winner); 2, G Pooley (Leander) 18,18; 3, J Wernock (London) 18,19 (senior 1 wenner) Other Division winners: Mart. Senior 2: 1 Williamson (London) 18,35, Senior 3: 10 Address (Mohambern and Lingue) 18,50 Curse Livinson Winners: Mean: Service 2: J. Williamson (London) 18:35, Service 3: D. Akins. (Notingham and Union) 18:50. Veteran: B. Stephons. Heriley) 18:54. Novice: A Bizzali (Leander) 19:10. Junior: A Hurder (Poplar) 20:13, Women: Open: N. Dale (Tideway Scullers) 20:18. Senior 1: C. Hall (Marton) 19:58. Senior 2: H. Rame (Marton) 20:08. Senior 3: L. Frit. (Harriey) 22:16. Novice: C Bishop (Marton) 20:27. Junior: C. Holmes (Warwiold 23:07. HENLEY: Upper Thames small bout head; Cueds Open: Leander 8:09 14:08. Senior one: Colord Brookes 10:09. Senior three: Heriley 11:45. Coxed Iouse: Open: Upper Thames 11:12. Women's Senior three: Heriley 11:45. Coxed Iouse: Open: Colord Brookes 10:28. Senior three: Open: Oxford Brookes 10:28. Senior three: Oxford Brookes 10:55. Senior three: Oxford Brookes 11:32. Novice: Oxford Brookes 11:42. Women's Senior Southerniohan University 13:27. Cotord: 11. 32: Novice: Ontord Brookes; 11.42: Women's Santo: burs Southernicker. Liniwasty 12:27. Women's Service fines; Kng's School, Worsester 12:39: Codess fours; Open; Oxford Brookes/London 9:49, Sentiar one: Oxford Brookes 10:39. Women's Open; Vesta 12:17 Dauble siculis Open;

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WHITEREAD ROUND THE WORLD RCE: First leg (Southampton to Cape Town). Latest positions (at 12.00GMT vesterday). 1. EF Language (See) Institut et 05.54.26. Tuss: 2. Ment Out (Monapoliot 20.11 Wed: 3. Innovation Kvestert (Not)03.09.02.4. Sik Cut. (GS): 03.17.00. Turns: 5. Chassive Reang (US): 19.14.00; 6. Tostika (US): 05.23.14 Fr; 7. America's Chaifenga (US): 07.52.58; 8. Sweetish Match Sweet 44.385; 9. EF Education (Swe): 14.26.02, 10. BurneSunergy (Hoti): 171.7 miles from trists.

SCHOOLS SPORT

POOTBALL: Inter-association: Rochdale 2 Chester Cr., Saferd Cr. South: Chesther Cr. Marsthed 3 Grimsby Cr. Dath O Streifsed 1. Manchester Capt: Stockport, 6 Wigen C. Marthern Merit: Bradford 4 Bolton 4. Michands divisional Trophy. Under-14: Widsell 1 Haisesowen and Stoutbridge 1: K. Norton and Sth Birmingham 3 Wyre Forest C. Carrnock 4 Wartey 2. Woodward Trophy. Pendle D Stockport 3. murchy Lings New York South Chest 2 D RISS Guildford Pendle I) Stockport 3.

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51, John 5, Lestherhead 45 Episom 17.

SKIING

TIGNES, France: World Cup: Parallal statem: Merc Franci J Strobi (Austria) bi K.A. Aarnodi (Nor). Third places: S Vogletter (Austria) bi K. H. Meter (Austria) Women: Frant: L. Piccard (Fr) bi Y Noven (Street, Third place: A Maistria) companion: (II). Zmln. 24.84sec. (1.11.72/11.31.2); Z. M. Erd (Sar). 228.730 (1.12.89/1.14.40); 4. K. Fotter (Switz). 228.35 (1.12.86/1.14.43); 5. K. Selzinger (Gev. 228.35 (1.12.86/1.14.43); 5. K. Selzinger (Gev. 228.35 (1.12.86/1.15.47). [Switz] 228.35 (1-12.88)*11.4.4.91; 5, K. Febbinger (Ger) 228.55 (1112.56)*1.15.97; 6... A Offosson (Swe) 2.28.90 (114.38)*1.14.82; 7, A Hermon (Nor) 229.02.8, H Gerg (Ger) 229.19; 9, equal, Y Novem (Swe) and A Wechser (Austria) 229.33. Leading Glant sistem positions after one most 1, Compagnoral 100pts; 2. Erit 80; 3, Fodicod 60; 4 Roten 50; 5. Segringer 45, 6, Ottolson 40; 7, Reminer

36; 8, Gerg 32; 9, expel, Nover and Wachter 29 Leading World Cup positions after two races: 1, Erf 13025; 2. Compagnant 114; 3 L'Proced (Fri 112; 4 Nover 109; 5, A Mersonitor (Austria; 75 SNOOKER

BOURNEMOUTH INTERNATIONAL CENTRE Grand Prisc Quarter-final: J Higgers Scott by J Read (Eng) 5-0 Semi-finals: Higgers by M Stevens (Wales) 6-5: 2 Dale (Wales) by J White (Eng) 6-2

SPEEDWAY

YOUNG SHEED: Semi-lines, second leg: Edinburgh 48 Long Faton 42 (Long Faton wn 97-83 on agg)

SQUASH

MELBOURNE: Australian Open: Semi-finels: S Fiz-Gerald (Aus) in L Indro (Aus) 9-3, 9-1, 9-1; M Martin (Aus) in P Beams (NZ) 4-9, 9-1, 9-6, 9-3. Finel: Fez-Gerald in Natio Eth. TENNIS

STUTTGART: Europard Open: Quarter-finets: P Refter (Aus.) or T Martin (US) 4-6. 7-6. 6-4; R Krisjock (Holl) or M Larsson (Swe) 6-2, 7-5. Semi-finets: P Korda (Cz) of Rafer 6-4; 7-8; Krisjock In. J Bonkman (Swe) 6-4. 3-6, 6-3. Finat: Korda or Krisjock 7-6, 8-2 6-4.

6-4. MEDICCO CITY: Men's tournement Charter-freaks. J A Viloca (Sp) bit -A Meiri (Sp) 6-4, 6-2: F Clavet (Sp) bit -A Se (Br) 6-3, 7-6. N Legerth (Sp) bit L Avroid (Arg) 2-6, 7-6. 6-0 Sem)-Fraisc Clavet bit L Aperiti 7-5, 7-8. Viloca bit Meigeni 6-3, 5-1.

Vioca of Investor in the Country in 4. Coetzer bt K Studenkova (Slovakia) 6-3-8, 8-0. Finet: Coetzer bt Paulus 8-4. 3-

5, 7-5.

OUEBEC: Bell Chellenge tournement:
Second round: D van Roost (Bell bit J
Wartabe (US) 5-1, 6-2; C Rubin (US) bit M
Vento (Ven) 6-4, 6-1; B Schulz-McCartiy
(Holl) bit C Morami (US) 1-6, 6-2, 6-1; L
Raymond (US) bit M Grzybowska (Pol) 6-7.

F-6. Semi-lineis: Schuz-McCartiy bit Rubin
6-2, 6-4; Van Roost bit Raymond 6-2, 3-6,
6-1.

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RUGBY UNION

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dropped goal), 47. J Stransky (Leicaster 1),
6c, 10pg) 40: G Ress (Wasps; 1), 4c, 9pg),
37: N Woods (London Inst; 1), 4c, 8pg), 36:
P Burke (Bristol, 6c, 6pg, 2dg)

London Scottish 15 Bedford London Scottish: Time: Jackson, Watson Con: Molusland Dropped goet Cameron Bedlord: Try: Rayer Con; Rayer, Pens. Rouer 5. Ruyer 5 18 Omeil

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Jewson National League

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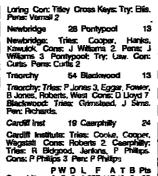
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One wave and I became a surfer girl

It took only a single session on a board to turn city

dweller Marianne Curphey into a surfing addict

he tourists may have left the beaches, but for surfers the season is just starting. The sea is warm after long days of sunshine, the weather is still mild, and from time to time the weather systems bring perfect days of big waves, still winds and sunshine.

Between now and Christmas, thousands of hardcore surfers will be thronging to the coast to make the most of the weather before the January storms set in.

Three years ago I learnt to surf, barefoot and in an illiting wersuit, on a windswept Pembrokeshire beach. Even in July the water was bitterly cold, and after a two-hour lesson I cowered in the back of my instructor's van, wearing every item of clothing I could muster and shivering ancontrollably. But the yearning had begun, and shows no sign of

Surfing is utterly pointless and completely addictive. Ev-ery great ride leaves you fired with enthusiasm for the next one. Only the most disciplined of surfers can leave the sea on a perfect big-wave day with enough energy to run back up the beach. On good days, most stay out as long as they have the strength to do so. This is also a symptom of the unpredictability of British waves. Really perfect days, with a light offshore wind, 5ft swell and the sun in the sky are relatively rare. Much time is wasted moething about on cliff-tops willing the waves to pick up or waiting for the tide to turn. Patience is important.

Though it is physically demanding and fiendishly difficult to master, the basics of wave riding can be learnt in a

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HOW TO START

SURFERS and boogleboarders can contact the British Surfing Association, in Penzance (01736 360250). The BSA has courses for all ages and abilities. There are also independent surf schools throughout the UK, some of which run BSAapproved courses.

Summer wetsuits start at £60, winter ones cost £100-plus. Second-hand boards sell for £150 or less, boogie boards range from £10 to £600.

week. Most courses teach you how to jump from lying on your belly to standing on the board while you are still on the beach. After the humiliation of simulating paddling while your board is wedged into the sand, you are then let loose in the white water to try to do the same while the board is moving. Surf schools use large from beginners boards, which are attached to your ankle with a leash so you can

This is a sound introduction to the years of punishment the

sea will mete out. Even experienced surfers find the sea can be an unpredictable and capricious playmate. Mistiming a wave, particularly a large one, and pitching forward leads to a battering by the lip of a wave and brine being forced into your ears and nose. Later, you learn how to paddle out through walls of white broken waves to arrive gasping beyond the surf to the "green"

"Just one more wave and I'll call it a day," I whisper as a wall of water rises behind me and I paddle furiously.

But catching a wave and standing up is just the beginning. Each wave is different Storms change the contours of the sandbars along the beach and the subsequent point at which waves will break. Tides and the water's depth affect the quality of reef breaks. Some waves suck the reef dry, some waves suck the reef dry, some that the sea bed is covered by just a few feet of water. There are only a few such reef breaks in Britain, but plenty in the Canary Islands, a popular

winter surfing spet.

There are leashes available with quick-release pins so that you can free yourself if you are hurled on to the reef and your leash becomes wedged in crevices or coral.

The skill of surfing lies in anticipating the rhythm, speed and angle at which the lip of the wave will curl — a skill that cannot be taught.

Experienced surfers develop a sixth sense that enables them to predict waves. For this reason, the best surfers have the pick of the waves. If you share a beach with locals who know how the wave will shift and change as the tide rises and falls, they will always be



Catch a wave and you're sitting on top of the world. The skill of surfing lies in anticipating the rhythm, speed and angle at which the lip of the wave will curl

paddling towards the horizon just as the biggest set of the day approaches.

Wave efficiente dictates that the surfer who is nearest the foaming curl of the wave has right of way, and other surfers must "kick out" of the wave to

Though surfers pride themselves on being a mellow bunch competing for the best waves causes friction: If a group of surfers who have paddled out together all through the depths of winter find their local break invaded by summer tourists, this friction can, occasionally, led to physical threats.

The sport is now so popular that most people have tried some form of wave-riding on a seaside holiday, whether it is stand-up surfing or the hugely popular body-boarding—done on small foam boogie boards that you ride on your belly. Some use popout

boards that you ride on your belty. Some use popout boards, surfboards formed from moulded plastic; these are less responsive in the water than "custom" surfboards, which are formed from a foam blank covered with fibreglass and can be individually shaped.

n summer, the sea around Devon and Cornwall turns into alphabet soup, awash with every possible form of wave-craft—and precious few of the users are aware of the unwritten rules of surfing. Even at this time of year on the north coasts of Devon and Cornwall, there are hundreds of surfiers competing for waves at the weekends. Improved

wetsuit technology means that the real die-hards will continue to paddle out even in the most extreme conditions. body into the riding The

Crowding on Devon's most popular beach, Croyde Bay, is now so bad that the surfing magazine. Carve, recently devoted several pages to the problem. But some suggest that while crowding is irksome, the competitive spirit fosters higher standards. And although surfers sometimes snarl at one another, they reserve pure contempt for the summer novice surfers and

body boarders who tumble into their path just as they are riding the best wave of the day.

The hierarchy of wave-riding is clear-cut. At the top are locals so used to the water they appear to have developed gills. At the bottom are the hapless tourists who put their wetsuits on back to front, flounder in the impact zone, and from time to time have to be rescued by the lifeguards.

And somewhere in the middle is me: a city dweller obsessed with the sea and yearning for one more wave.

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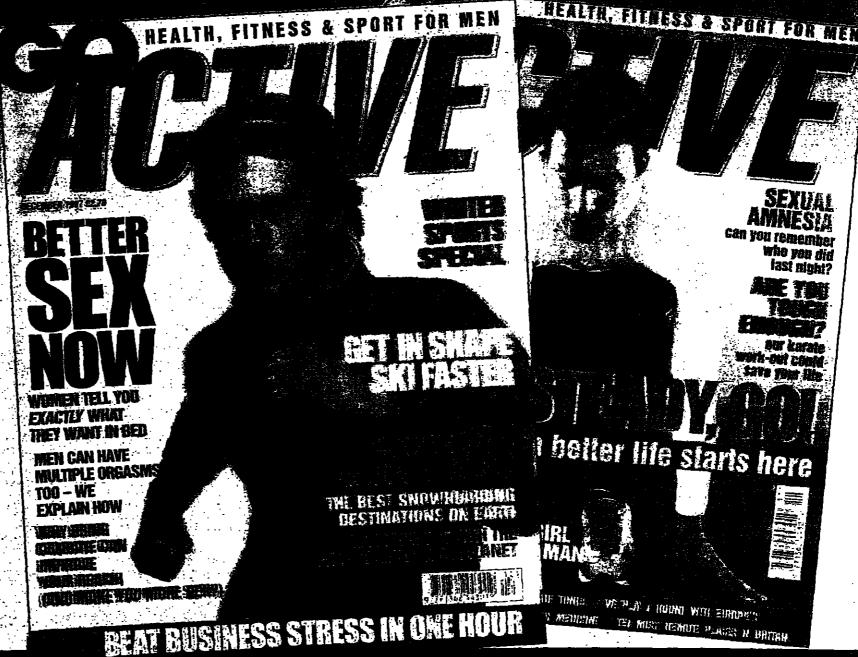
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Christopher Thomas introduces a special report on Pakistan and the golden opportunity for Nawaz Sharif to modernise the country

Fate of a nation hangs in the balance



akistan has the stron-gest democratic Government in its 50-year history. The army is quiescent and the political opposition is ineffectual. The President's power to sack prime ministers has been removed and the unpopular Islamic right wing has rarely been less troublesome.

Events have conspired to give Nawaz Sharif, the Prime Minister, the greatest opportunity of any democratic leader

or, indeed, dictator — to impose his will on this troubled Islamic state as it struggles on the edge of

Mr Sharif is the businessman's politician, a rich industrialist who understands the needs of the Karachi commercial houses, the Puniabi farmers, the cotton mills, the garment makers - people who can determine the economic future of a nation brought to its knees by ethnic violence and, even more crippling, unchecked plunder by politicians. The Bhutto years

many, making a mockery of the young and fragile democracy.

The reports of the Bhuttos' alleged wealth in Swiss bank accounts has added to the popular disgust that all but wiped out the Pakistan People's Party in this year's gener-al election, proof that Benazir Bhutto has sunk from being the nation's heroine to its most discredited politician.

She has not apologised nor

admitted any wrong, and her increasingly bizarre outbursts on television have added to the impression that she is woefully out of touch with people who once loved her and are now bitter about the dreams she berrayed. Pictures of her emerging from Karachi cen-tral jail, her children holding her hands, are graphic images of a spectacular downfall from which it will be difficult, if not impossible, for her to recover. Asif Ali Zardari, her husband, is facing trial for alleged involvement in the murder of Murtaza' Bhutto, Miss

Bhutto's estranged younger

the few and impoverishing the brother, shot in a gun battle with police in suspicious circumstances.

There have been reports that the marriage is in trouble, but Mr Zardari has declared publicly that he is sure his wife will stand by

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him. She must know, however, that she can never recover politically while they remain such is his reputation.

Mr

Zardari has been in prison for nearly a year and, in his occasional comments to journalists

when visiting court, he has said he expects to stay there as long as this Government is in power. That is a reasonable assumption. If his wife fails to return to office, he may be has few political or business

friends after building a nefarious reputation while Minister of Investments in the last Government. There is no such department as investment

ministry - it was a title that enabled him to become involved many big financial transactions. earning him

> Ten Miss Bhutto has been telling Pakistanis. who world's poor-

> > rich but not a

billionaire. She insisted that \$13.6 million (£8.5 million) in frozen Swiss accounts did not belong to her and that she intended suing the Pakistan Government

when all this is over". The Swiss authorities told the story differently, announcing that they had blocked 17 accounts held by Miss Bhutto, her husband, and her mother. Begum Nusrat Bhutto, The accounts of at least six companies, suspected to be the front companies of the Bhuttos, have also been

blocked. Miss Bhutto says her lawyers told her the six companies were not hers; if the accounts held billions of dollars, they were not hers either. "But anyway, it's not the question of accounts. Everybody has accounts. The question is, did I commit any crime? I did not commit any crime."

The arguments are driving her further to the edge of political credibility, and leav-ing her ever weaker as an opposition force. Mr Sharif, who has a two-thirds parlia-mentary majority, hardly needs look over his shoulder to see what the Opposition is up to, because it is up to little. He is too strong, the Opposition is

His administration has not yet earned an unduly bad reputation for corruption, and

infinitely better than that of its predecessor.

Miss Bhutto has not been charged with any offences in connection with the Swiss accounts so far, aithough there has been talk of seeking to ban her from contesting future elections on the ground that she is believed to be corrupt. She has implicitly admitted that there are Swiss accounts belonging to her.

he says: The reason people who are in politics want to have safe accounts is because they are not safe in their own country."

She denies that any money in them came from kickbacks on contracts. "The money was not illegal," she insists.

The affair is liable to drag on for years, further eroding the Bhuttos' standing. The Daughter of the East, as she calls herself, is no longer the darling of Washington nor of the people, most of whom feel she betrayed them, their country and their hopes.

Change is slow but sure as the Government moves to put the economy back on track after a long slump

Tough decisions on REVIVING Pakistan's economy, which has been hit by a long recession, is the top priority of the Government of Nawaz Sharif, the Prime Minister, Zahid Hussain the road to recovery Mr Sharif, a member of one of the country's biggest busi-

ness families, has moved fast to stem economic slide. But the challenge seems to be some time for the impact of enormous as Pakistan faces a the reforms to become apparent. The Government expects serious resource crunch and a looming foreign debt crisis. more than 5 per cent GDP growth rate in this financial Soon after returning to year after four years of low power, the Government an-

nounced a series of economic economic growth. The main thrust of the and tax reforms to boost the economy. It drastically cut Government's economic policy is to boost the large-scale taxes, reduced import tariffs to 40 per cent and provided manufacturing sector, which has remained stagnant for the The return of political sta-

bility and Mr Sharif's liberal economic policies restored the confidence of businessmen and investors. The economy has started to pick up, but the pace is slow. Finance ministry

incentives to exporters.

the development of the infrastructure and communication facilities.

The completion of the Lahore-Islamabad motorway, costing £400 million, will also give impetus to industrial investment in Punjab. Developing a road network is high on the Government's agenda and is likely to boost agriculture.

It has also moved to reform past few years. the state-owned banking sec-The new reform package tor, which has been on the has improved the climate for verge of collapse because of both domestic and foreign inefficiency, huge debt and overstaffing. In addition, it investments. Government has moved to cut losses by officials hope that investment laying-off employees in the will further accelerate with

banking sector. Thousands of bank workers have been laid off under a golden handshake

scheme. The measure is likely to increase efficiency of the banks and financial institutions and improve profitability. The Government also plans privatise state-owned

banks in the next few years. The economic reforms have had a positive impact on foreign investment. Although foreign direct investment is still slow in coming, the portfolio foreign fund has shown a significant increase

in the past few months. The influx of foreign funds

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has helped the stock market to rise by almost 400 points. Low-priced stock has proved particularly attractive to for-eign investors, who have di-verted their funds from South-East Asia.

Pakistani officials hope that further improvement in the economy and the latest agreement with the International Monetary Fund (IMF) will encourage more

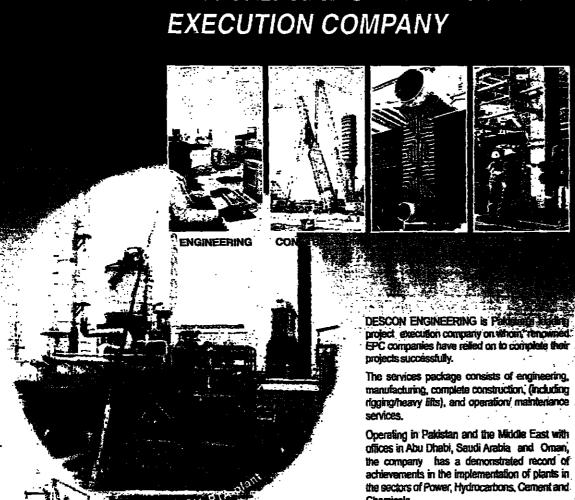
Under the Extended Structural Adjustment Fund (ESAF). Pakistan will receive \$1.6 billion (£1 billion) from the IMF. This will help to improve its balance of pay-ments, which has remained under pressure because of low growth in exports and a high import bill. The Government also plans

to reform the taxation system in a bid to carb corruption and tax evasion, but it faces stiff opposition from dichard



The Government aims to boost the manufacturing sector, such as textiles

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Privatisation is the ouzz

espite seven changes of government in sev-en years, the privatisation programme in Pakistan has been uninterrupted since 1990. Political instability last year slowed down the disinvestment of the state-owned enterprises but things seem to be moving once again.

Pakistan has deregulated its economy at a greater pace than have other South Asian countries. There is agreement among the big political parties on the privatisation programme, and since economic liberalisation began seven years ago, more than 100 stateowned enterprises and commercial banks have been privatised.

So far. Pakistan has privatised cement factories, steel mills, vegetable oil mills, fertiliser factories, electric power generation plants and two state-owned commercial banks. Most of these were nationalised in the mid-Seventies by the socialist Government of Zulfigar Ali Bhutto and many ran up losses. Banks and financial institutions became the source of government patronage for successive governments and, eventually, insolvent. The state banking Zahid Hussain reports on the selling of Faisalahad and some other

system, carrying more than £2 billion in bad loans, was on the verge of collapse. The denationalisation of these institutions was necessary not only to cut government losses, but also to increase their effici-Apart from the

selling of industrial enterprises, Paki-Shares will stan has also disinvested 10 per cent soon be of the shares of Pakistan Telecomsold in two munications, the biggest enterprise of the

After the sale of biggest small enterprises. Parkistan last year moved towards the privatisation of big. companies when it sold off the 1.300 negativate Kot Addu power gameration plant in Punjab to the British company. National Power.

The Kot Addu plant is one of the largest and most modern in the country. Its privatisation has opened the way for distrivestment from other pow-

power companies and other enterprises er companies and the electric

distribution system. Because

of its liberal policy. Pakistan

has already attracted huge investment in power generation. Several units with a combined generation capacity of more than 3,000MW have either already begun to operate or are about to be completed. Hub Power near Karachi, the biggest power generation plant in the

private sector in Asia, is also managed by British National Power. The Government plans next to with... draw its invest-

ment from other the state controlled Water and Power Development Authority. The next in line is the 600MW Jamshoro power plant. Preliminary work has also been done for the privati-

sation of electrical power sup-

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cities of Punjab province. The privatisation of Karachi Electric Supply corporation is expected to be completed by

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next year. Parkistan has also involved foreign private investment in power transmission projects.. One such project is the 1,400km, 500KW transmission line across the country. The project has, however, been delayed because of political reasons. Pakistani officials

believe that the privatisation of

electrical supply would also help reduce the huge losses in transmission. The privatisation programme and potential foreign investment has, however, been , affected by a lack of clarity and often-changing policies, which also created uncertainty about

foreign investment The new Government plans to put at least two leading banks and the Pakistan Telecommunications Corporation up for sale, as well as several other state-owned en-

terprises within the next few years... Government officials hope that within five years all the financial institutions will be major cities such as Karachi privatised

Caught up in a chain reaction

The Kentucky Fried Chicken diner is the place to be seen in Lahore

ECONOMIC liberalisation has opened Pakistan to the world's biggest fast-food chains. First to arrive was Pizza Hut. which became an instant hit among the entertainment-starved people of Kara-

chi. Zahid Hussain writes. . Within a couple of years the chain had established three outlets in Pakistan's commercial capital, and extended its business to Lahore. But the arrival of yet another US chain, a branch of Kentucky Fried Chicken.

early this year sent people crazy.
In just four months KFC has opened four outlets in the city, and these have become popular not only with teenagers, but also with families. The company plans to set up 30 more outlets: in Karachi and in the north of the

Pizza Hut has already become a big status symbol. Locals could not face their peers if they had not been to the pizza place on the ground floor of the city's most prestigious building, located in posh Clifton. The restaurant is always teeming, with families sitting in the foyer and groups of young people hanging around outside, waiting for somewhere to sit. For most people, it is more than just eating out, it is a leisure

experience. This is just the beginning, for the food business is like an untapped goldmine.
McDonald's, which is expected to

open its first outlet in the country early next year, is already a household name among Pakistanis. The chain reportedly plans to open more than 50 branches in Karachi and Lahore. All these fast food chains are in a race

to make millions. Despite the fact that the food in these places costs the same as it does in the US - and when one converts dollars into Pakistani rupees. the food becomes very expensive indeed - there is never a slack period. There are no signs that the people of this huge city are going to be deterred by the costs. It is almost as if they consider eating out their reward for having been deprived of life's little pleasures for so

Interestingly, the recent ban on the traditional large wedding feasts imposed by the new Government as part of its austerity drive - has also brought more business to the chains. People pour out of the marriage ceremony and head for the fast food places - no one wants to go home to eat after having got all dressed upon



Young middle-class Pakistanis demand Western fast food

The bloodbath created divisions between those who

wanted to establish a secular

democratic society and sup-

Mujibur's death led to fur

ther political assassinations

and martial law. The return to

power of the Awami League

and Mujibur's daughter, 21 years later, is being seen as a restoration of public faith in

non-communal politics, parli-

amentary democracy and a

free economy.

The stipulation that a non-

partisan caretaker govern

ment will be installed before

separate the judiciary from the

Government, are other polit-

executive control of



Modern Dhaka: the capital is bustling as skyscraper apartments rise from the rubble of demolished shanties

Democracy brings a new confidence

ities is dominated by a Western-style parliamentary democracy, recurrent bumper harvests have cut perennial food shortages and there is a renewal of confidence in the economy among foreign and domestic investors.

Barely 16 months after a general election that took Sheikh Hasina Wajed, the Prime Minister, and her secular Awami League to power. political calm reigns in this once-volatile country.

The election brought to an end two years of bitter political strife and paved the way for reforms that restored peace.

Today the skyline of Dhaka, the bustling capital of more than a million people, is changing as high-rise apartments stand on the rubble of demotished shanties. Sleek reconditioned Japanese cars clog the main streets, previously the haunts of political pickets and urchins, often locked in running battles with police.

New shopping malls are opening every month to cater to the needs of an emerging middle class - consumers who watch satellite television and send their children to English kindergartens.

Nonetheless, almost 40 per cent of Bangladesh's 120 million people live at subsistence level and only a third of the population are literate.

Sheikh Hasina, soon after assuming office, introduced reforms to strengthen the parliamentary system, guarAhmed Fazl presents a special

report on a country overcoming the huge problems of its birth

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ensure respect for human Though her offer of a govsensus" after last year's election was spurned by the main opposition Bangladesh Nationalist Party, two remaining groups in parliament, in-

Jatiyo Party of H. M. Ershad, the for-

President. joined the administration. The appointment of an eminent non-party figconstitution-

al President.

after almost

25 years of

military dic-

tatorship and one-man rule, has created public trust in politicians. President Shahabuddin Ahmed, a retired Supreme Court Chief Justice, has limited powers in Bangladesh's political system but commands great moral authority for his social standing and his long career

in the judiciary. Analysts say that by sacrificing the highest constitutional office to an outsider, Sheikh

their credentials in forging national unity by healing past

Bangladesh emerged as a fully independent country on December 16, 1971, a quarter of a century after the 1947 partition of the sub-continent. East

Pakistanis. Three million civil-

ians died in the nine-month

war of secession led by the

country's founding father and

first President, Sheikh

Mujibur Rahman. But hardly

three years later. Sheikh

Mujibur was killed by a group

of radical Muslim Army offi-

cers, who overthrew his secu-

Sheikh Hasina, who is 50.

were not present on August 15,

lar Government.

Bengal, having spent 25 years of a Pakistan graphically in two by India and pop-ulated by a majority Muslim

ical reforms that reflect the new leadership's commitment Bengalis, had to democratic values. found that the common unable to cover lineuis more than \$500 million annutic. cultural. ally to support a strong macro economy and structural programme, has further with the Urdu-speaking West enhanced investor confidence

> push GDP growth rates steadily to almost 6 per cent annually. Crop production is likely to contribute at least a quarter of the growth.

As economic activities be come more competitive, political controversies appeal less to people in the streets and tion groups have failed to

A cup of the finest tea spiced with intrigue

Dhaka likes its political and cultural life well-brewed, writes Ahmed Fazl

developing country - crowded, noisy and smoky - there is one striking feature of this metropolis which puts it in a

different class. The quantity of teashops here rivals any city in the world. They range from the turn-of-the-century restaurants in the steamy old part of the capital dispensing the hot drink with locally baked cristly bakarkhanis and the navement stalls where clients sit on wooden benches around the tea wallah and his pots of boiling water.

Since the Bengalis were introduced to tea by the British planters more than a century ago teashops have figured in

Ithough the streets of political upheavals, social rev- looks drowned in nostalgia as the teashop as a frontier zone Dhaka are like those in olutions, art and literature, he recites a couplet by the between public and private any bustling city in a The vast population is appar- Indian poet Tagore with rever- life. In growing urban congesently hooked on the drink, a national obsession which has encouraged an industry employing an estimated half a million people

The Bengalis like their tea brewed with the cream of milk and political gossip. They also like to trade rumours and mope. So teashops have created both firebrand politicians

Leaning over a scarred wooden table in Arzoo teashop off the sandstone Lalbagh district. Abdul Karim squints over a cigarette and his steaming cup of tea. A greying political activist and connoisseur of poetry, cricket and other national obsessions, he ence worthy of a hymn.

Madhu's Canteen, located

on the Dhaka University campus, is the best known of contemporary teashops. For more than four decades it has been the popular haunt of student revolutionaries, budding politicians and strug-

Many of Bangladesh's present-day political leaders and top professionals have supped tea with leftist intellectuals, actors and assorted revolutionaries. Some still like to visit the venerable teashop. But student clients today are engrossed in career talk.

A Bangladeshi sociologist has described the institution of tion the teashops provide the spaces for reflection and de-

bate over the problems of life. Very few cities have developed the almost fanatic obsession for teashops," says Kabir Chowdhury, a local newspaper columnist. For many Dhaka residents living in cramped flats the teashops provide the illusion ocialising.

But times change. I have lost many regular clients to the slick new fast-food pizzeria next door," said Rustam Ali, a teashop owner on the once elegant Rankin Street. "But those who like a good cup of tea and friendship are still sticking with me."



Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina has led modernisation

Links forged long ago

FROM the beginning of her term of office. Sheik Wajid Hasina, the Prime Minister. has acted to build closer ties with the West.

This is especially true in the case of Britain, in view of the Government is the third-larg est recipient of British official development assistance. When Sheikh Hasina met

Tony Blair in Edinburgh over the weekend, the two cemented the warm relations established when John Major visited Bangladesh early this year. The presence of nearly half a million Bangladeshis in the United Kingdom has also strengthened cultural and business ties between the two

British companies have traditionally operated in Bangladesh, but several UK firms joining in the search for oil and gas in that nation's off-



Bangladeshi investment ties on a higher plane. Bangladesh is self-sufficient in natural gas. with 50 trillion cubic feet of

The search for new gas fields continues unabated. Recent discoveries on the southern island of Bhola has boosted reserves by ten per cent. Oil prospecting in the Bay of Bengal is under way. with plans to develop the coal



The serenity of this view of Chittagong fishing boats on the River Ganges symbolises the prospects for peace

New hope as disputes end

SOON after assuming office, the Awami League initiated contacts with neighbouring states, including India, that led to the signing of an historic treaty on sharing the

waters of the Ganges. The river, which originates in the Himalayan foothills, sustains the lush cropland of India and Bangladesh. The rreaty, a diplomatic triumph, will, it is hoped, end 30 years of dispute, India and Bangladesh share 53 other rivers but the Ganges has always been the main irritant blocking the development of bilateral ties. Though the political rivals of Sheikh Hasina Wajed, the

prime Minister, called the

Two treaties should end years of often-deadly political rows

ed early that her Govern-

ment must reach an agree

ment with the Shanti Bahini

(Peace Force) minority cam-paigning for a homeland in the Chittagong Hill Tracts

bordering eastern India and

Burma. After more than five

meetings spread over the years, the Government and

the tribal leaders are close to

an accord. The hostility has

claimed the lives of more

than 8,000 tribal people.

treaty a "sell-out" there has been spontaneous interna-tional support for the Government for removing an old obstacle in the path of posi-

tive regional ties. After the years of bickering over who should get how much of the water, the treaty has cleared the way for Dhaka to seek international finance to build a barrage in the Ganges downstream in Bangladesh for storage of the extra water of the rainy season to irrigate farmlands

guerrillas and government roops. The Government agreed to give the hills the maximum during the dry months. Sheikh Hasina also decid-

tomony permitted by the Constitution, allowing the local administration to be run by elected tribal leaders, preserving the land rights of the minority people and restrict-ing Bengali settlements from the plains. For this, the Government has exacted commitments to end the hostilities. which have engaged more than 10,000 regular soldiers Officials in Dhaka say that the peace treaty is likely to be

The fruit of the loom

Ahmed Fazl looks at the booming garment industry

t the crack of dawn, lights are switched on lights are switched on in the myriad garment factories dotting the sprawling metropolis of Dhaka as tens of thousands of young women descend on the streets to join the early morning shift. These women, wearing col-

ourful saris and carrying lunchboxes, constitute Bangladesh's new workforce, changing the economic and social face of the Muslim-majority

The garment industry, almost totally geared for exporting to Western markets, is booming. Growing at a rate of more than 20 per cent a year, ready-made wear worth \$3 billion annually by the turn of the century. More than a million people, 80 per cent of them women, work in 2,500 or so factories, most of them in Dhaka and the southern port city of Chittagong.

Starting virtually from scratch in the late 1970s, the industry has spawned the

growth of scores of spinning, weaving and dyeing mills to serve the demands of garment manufacturers. Every fifth shirt worn in the European Union has probably been made in Bangladesh.

The country is on the threshold of a textile revolution, with composite factories equipped with modern machinery turning out fabrics for the export market. Bangladesh has been

known as the land of weavers. Across the bank of the Sitalakhya River near Dhaka. villagers in the 16th century used to spin the gossamer yarn that had made the weavers still work the looms, turning out products that appeal to local and foreign buyers. The present generation of recreate the country's glorious textile heritage.

The rapid growth of the garment industry has led to a radical change in society's attitudes. Taboos against women seeking jobs outside the home have broken down. Women have asserted their rights and, as earning members in their families, have won new status. Observers see this as a peaceful social revolt against religious extremism.

The textile boom has attractcompanies from South orea, Japan, Thailand and China to the country's successful export-processing zones. The Government has put in place a concerted programme to encourage foreign investment, including an incentive package considered among the most attractive in the region. Foreign companies invested more than \$1 billion

Macroeconomic stability has been achieved, with inflation running at around 3 per cent. by capping wasteful public spending. Analysts are worried, however, that the implementation of higher sal-July could increase inflation-

Private sector to transform transport

IN THE past 15 months the Government has shortlisted 29 state-owned enterprises for immediate sale, and foreign investors can buy any of the units put up for auction. Ports and port services are

now open to private sector

investment. Britain's KCM is

leading a consortium that proposes to build Bangla-desh's first privately owned container port in the south. Completion of a multibillion-dollar bridge over the Jamuna — an unpredictable river that divides the relatively

undeveloped northwest from the high-growth south — should rapidly improve trans-The bridge, due to open nex summer, will boost political and economic integration of

the country. Private participation is also welcomed in of the state-run railroad.

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THURSDAY

Interims: BT (Q2), Anglian Water, Danka Business, Nolos (Q3), er, Danica Business, Notice (03), Scottish Mortgage & Trust, Telewest Comms (03), Tullow Oli. Finals: AG Holdings, Air London Int'i, Ashenti Goldfields (03), Pressac. Economic statistics: US weekly jobless claims, US September new home sales.

FRIDAY

Interime: Caimgorm Building Soc, Meltek Group. Economic statistics: BBA end-September monthly mortgage lending.



ory Corp. Centrica, Brent Inter ational, BWL, Watmoughs. The Sunday Tele-graph Buy Cable & Wireless, SFI, Allied Leisure, Chariton Athletic, The Electronics Boutique. The Observer: Buy Schroders, Hepworth, BICC. Sell British Energy, Avis Europe, BAA Independent on Sunday: Buy Care UK. Sell Guardian Royal Exchange. Charges cut into BT's first-half £1.5bn will be no signs of jet-lag, hopefully, when Sir Iain Vallance and Sir Peter Bonfield unveil half-year re-

sults on Thursday, The figures were scheduled for November 13, but were hastily brought forward. BT is unlikely to give much away about the expected three-way link-up with GTE and MCI in America, despite the best efforts of brokers. On the face of it the figures

are unlikely to impress the City. Alan Lyons at ABN Amro Hoare Govett, the broker, expects pre-tax profits for the second quarter to come in at £630 million, compared with £730 million for the corresponding period. It stretches the total for the first

six months to £1.51 billion. But the figure will be struck before exceptionals of £120 million relating to the payment of a special dividend to employees. Further write-offs will include E45 million for the development of Cellner's. new billing system and £75 million of charges relating to

the original bid for MCL Brokers are also likely to question the low redundancy charge. In the first quarter of last year the charge was £52 million, and in the second quarter £183 million. The figure this time is likely to be much lower, though E250 million has been budgered for the year as a whole.

On the trading front the pressure of lower tarrif charges will continue to take its toll, although this may be offset by a further 8 per cent rise in traffic growth.

BAT INDUSTRIES: Thirdquarter results, due Wednes-day, will be dominated by the proposed merger of the

with Zurich, BAT will contribute Eagle Star, Allied Dunbar and America's Farmers Insurance to create one of the biggest insurance and asset management companies in the world with a price tag of around £25 billion. BAT's separate listing.
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impress, with most brokers looking for a downturn in profits after disappointing performances in both the US and Asia-Pacific rim.

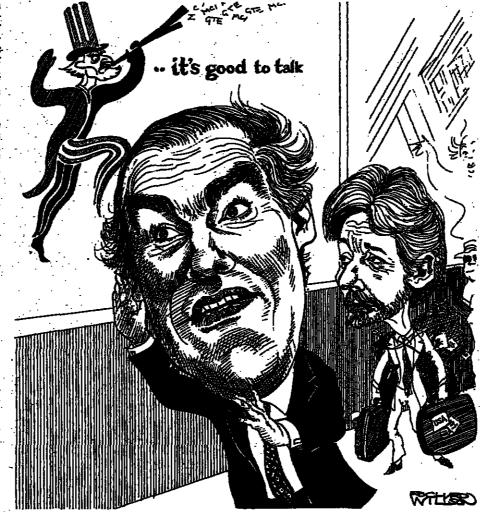
Pre-tax profits are expected to come in at £1.8 billion, down 7 per cent on the £1.97 billion achieved during the same period last time. Earnings are expected to be down from 38.5p to 35.5p. Financial services has made

steady progress, in the abweather-related claims. The whole subject of tobacco litigation drags on and it

seems unlikely that any settle-ment will be achieved in the near future. THE BODY SHOP. Any improvement in sales is likely to come from the group's aggressive store opening programme rather than organic growth. Interim figures on Wednesday should show pretax profits up from £11.8

million to £12.8 million, a rise of 9 per cent. Earnings should be up 25 per cent from 3.6p to 4.5p. Brokers are looking for the payout to rise to 2p from

J SAINSBURY: The annual meeting indicated a rise in like-for-like sales 4.2 per cent during the first 16 weeks of the first half, while there were signs of growing food infla-



Investors hope for a clear US line from BT's Sir Iain Vallance and Sir Peter Bonfield

tion. So the market is looking to see the group back on the growth tack after last year's first ever profits setback. NatWest Markets forecasts an increase of around 4 per cent from £387 million to £402

million on Wednesday, with earnings 6 per cent higher at 14.8p a share. The broker expects Sainsbury to have maintained sales growth, although rising inflation will have eroded volume levels.

the British Airways cheap flights promotion covering the second half. Gross margins are likely to

Volume growth for the year is

likely to be between I per cent

and 2 per cent, with the help of

for-like sales at Homebase will be up 8.5 per cent, while operating losses at Texas should be down. Industrial disputes in the US are likely to result in a lower than expected contribution. The payout should grow around 6 per cent to 3.7p.

ANGLIAN WATER: Anglian Water kicks off the interim dividend season for the water companies on Thursday, with interest focused on on the dividend payment, which will set the target level for the rest of the sector. There will also be interest in how the group accounts for the windfall tax.

Anglian's pre-tax profits look set to grow from £132.7 million to £145 million, with a three-month contribution from Hartlepool Water. Earnings are expected to show a small decline from 46.7p to 45.3p. The payout will almost certainly be another generous one pitched at around 11.5p, up 13 per cent from 10.2p.

Water supplies are giving cause for concern, with stocks already at their lowest autumn

PILKINGTON: Half-year figures, due Wednesday, are likely to be overshadowed by the review carried out by Paolo Scaroni, the new chief executive. Pre-tax profits will fall about £20 million to £62 million. But the cost of shedding 1,000 jobs and the closure of a major plant in Germany will result in restructuring charges of between £100 million and £120 million. Earnings will decline to 2.7p a share from 4p. The one bright spot remains the US autoglass division. The dividend is likely to be pegged at 1.75p.

OUTLOOK

FINANCIAL markets will be looking over their collective shoulders for any hint of direction. In a week light on UK statistics, the main influences should be knocking knees and talk-ing heads. Today Gordon Brown,

the Chancellor, aims to clarify the UK position on the euro in the Commons. He seems most unlikely to add certainty to the UK's intentions in 2001-02, but it cannot be entirely ruled out. The more sceptical he sounds on entry, the more sterling should strengthen.

On Tuesday six German institutes have their chance to soothe or frighten with a joint autumn economic report. There may be more optimism this time on meeting Maastricht tests, but they are not likely to want the Bundesbank to put up interest rates again in a

hurry. On Wednesday Alan Greenspan, chairman of the US Federal Reserve Board, testifies to Congress. He is sensitive to the negative impact of any Wall Street crash and will not want to rock the boat. Optimists will hope for hints that the Hong Kong affair has put off any need

for higher interest rates. A simpler US indicator is the advance estimate of third-quarter output on Friday. Standard & Poor's expects a further slowing to annual GDP growth of 2.8 per cent, but others

GRAHAM SEARJEANT

Answers from page 36 WHIPSAW

(b) Something that is disadvantageous in two ways. Originally and chiefly in the US. A metaphor from the frame-saw with a narrow blade, used especially for curved work. "The whipsaw of paying high

inevitably took different directions."

prices for what they bought and being forced to receive low prices for

(c) In the former Soviet Union, a state-owned farm. A portmanteau word from sov/étskoe) Soviet + khoz/ydistvo) a farm. "The collective farms are not to be confused with the State farms or sovkhoz, which are owned by the State and worked by government employees."

(a) Also visgie. West country dialect for bisgay. An agricultural implement, in shape between a mattock and a hammer, for beating down hedges. "The day being Sunday, he could not dare to risk outraging public opinion by carrying shovel or visgy through the

(b) The major text of Jewish Cabbalism, in the form of an allegorical interpretation of the Pentateuch. Literally the Hebrew for "light, olendour". "Although they derived their inspiration from the same ource — Zobar and Kabbala — Ashkenati and Sepharadi mysticism

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Amsterdam brokerage arrests

The Dutch arm of James Capel, HSBC's stockbroking business, is at the centre of an investigation into suspected money laundering. Four brokerages in Amsterdam, including Van Meer James Capel, were searched by Dutch justice officials late on Friday after a six-month probe that extended to Brit-ain, Switzerland and the

Dutch tax haven Curacao. Three people were arrested on suspicion of being involved with insider trading. ery and tax violations, and a

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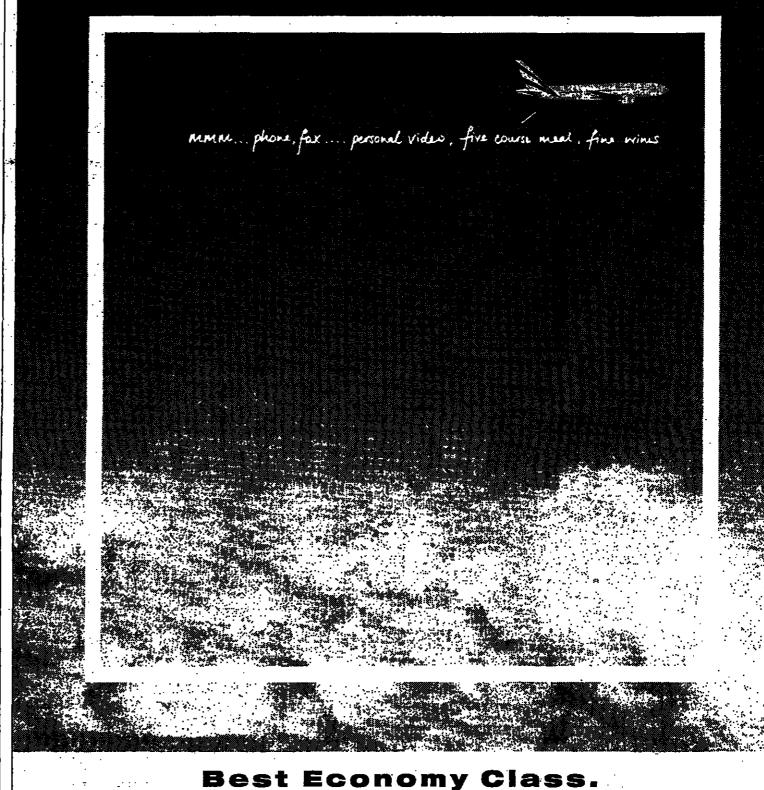
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fourth person is being sought. Jersey cream Jersey's finance industry gen-erated a profit of £782 million of the island's income tax yield. The 75 banks in the

last year, accounting for half capital, St Helier, showed an overall profits increase of 10 per cent, producing £150,140 profit per employee (up from £141,890 in 1995). Profits from 24.9 per cent. Accountants profits rose by 13.3 per cent, while the increase for trust and company administrators was 9.5 per cent.

PO faced

ers' Union will lobby managers on the future of the Post Office today, as the Department of Trade and Industry is poised to publish a review which could allow a role for the private sector. Derek Hodgson, acting joint general secretary, said: "I sincerely hope that lan McCartney's review lets us get talk of privatisation out of the way and gives us the chance to work with management in a business unfettered by unnec essary restraints and outside influences."



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THE BOARD

The "Shell" Transport & Trading Company plc is headed by Mark Moody-Stuart, 57, who succeede Sir John Jennings as chair-man of the British holding

company in July.
Moody-Stuart has also taken on the mantle of chairman of the committee of managing directors that runs the Royal Dutch/Shell group. This committee is where the buck stops. It is responsible for strategy and approves all long-term investment decisions.

The chairmanship normally rotates between Royal Dutch and Shell Transport directors. It was previously held by Cor Herkstroter, of Royal Dutch who launched the head office redundancy programme and shake-up in management structure.

Other board members

Sir John Jennings, 60. Former chairman of Shell Transport in the hot seat during the Brent Spar and Nigeria crises. Phil Watts, 52. Joined Shell

as a seismologist. Currently in charge of planning environment and external

Sir Peter Holmes, 65. Chairman of Shell Transport from 1985-93. Sir William Purves, 65. Non-executive director; chairman of HSBC Holdings. Sir Anthony Acland, 67. Non-executive. Formerly Non-executive. Formerly Permanent under-secretary at the Foreign Office and Ambassador to Washington. Also on board of Booker and Eton College. Professor Robert O'Neill. 60: Non-Executive. Professor sor of History at All Souls College, Oxford. former director of international institute for Strategic Studies. Sir Ronald Oxburgh, 62. Non-executive. Former

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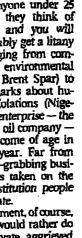
Imperial College.

sk anyone under 25 what they think of Shell and you will probably get a litany of abuse, ranging from complaints about environmental pollution (the Brent Spar) to indignant remarks about human rights violations (Nigeria). This vast enterprise - the world's largest oil company has definitely come of age in its centenary year. Far from being a money-grabbing business, Shell has taken on the role of the institution people most love to hate.

inside Shell there was no confusion. With almost military precision Shell's engineers had the spar was the least risky alternative and, of course, consulted nobody. To their initial bemusement and later horror, the public and media chose to believe inaccurate propaganda broadcast by Greenpeace in-stead of Shell's own data. diculously naive suggestions that a foreign oil company should attempt to bully the Nigerian military government. Shell's problem, it seemed to the men that run Shell, was the confusion that reigned every-

Such confidence, which some might call arrogance, is nurtured over a long period of time. It can be sustained only by genuine success. The "Shell" Transport and Trading Company was founded 100 years ago by Marcus Samuel. a Jew from the East End of London whose father was a merchant, importing exotic shells that were then fashionable ornaments. By the time Samuel established the company it was doing a brisk business shipping kerosene from the oilfields in Baku in

Samuel was a buccaneering capitalist, going out to Borneo in search of new supplies of the greasy black stuff, better to compete with Rockefeller's Standard Oil. But he was no

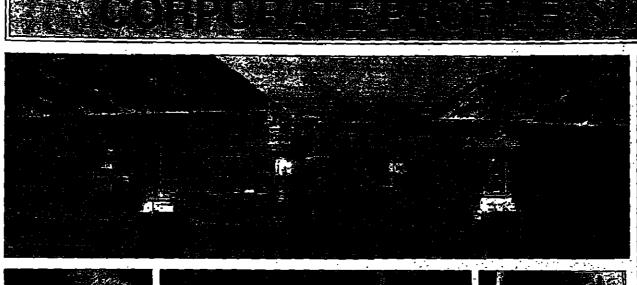


It is a compliment, of course, but one Shell would rather do without In private aggrieved Shell executives profess to feeling misunderstood and heat their breasts for their failure to communicate better. The fuss over the Brent Spar storage tank and the demands by human rights organ-isations that the oil company use its power to stop the execution of Ken Saro-Wiwa in Nigeria made Shell executives

appear confused. The irony, of course, is that determined that sea disposal of Likewise, they regarded as ri-

where except within Shell. mains in place today.

Deterding can be credited with the existence of the vast the Caucasus to the Far East.







"Shell will achieve an industry average return on capital employed of 15 per cent by 2001, up from 12 per cent last year, while simultaneously expanding the asset base by 25 per cent. Shell has overaken the rest of the industry on all size measures over the past decade; it is now in the process of establishing domination in financial terms."—Fargus Macleod, NatiWest Markets.
"Shell is quite growth-oriented and is preparing to put significant money into power generation. If push came to shove, Shell would tend to favour growth over return."—Calin Smith ETW.

Colin Smith, BZW.
"Shell is probably one of the salest stocks in the marke

with a good spread of business and risk. As long as the world needs energy it is going to need Shell. It is safe and boring, but sometimes safe and boring is the right thing to

be," - Paul Spedding, Dresdner Kleinwort Benson.





World renowned: former chairman Sir John Jennings, above, had to deal with the Brent Spar, top, and protests over Nigeria. But the search for new markets such as natural gas has helped Shell, now under the leadership of Mark Moody Swart, right, to cultivate a better public image

match for the determined Henri Deterding, a Dutch accountant who ran the then tiny Royal Dutch Petroleum. Success and the title of Lord

Mayor of London went to Samuel's head to the near ruin of his business, and Deterding managed to prise Samuel away from a merger with Standard Oil. In 1907, after endless negotiations in which Deterding repeatedly changed the terms of the deal, a much smaller and financially strapped Shell became the minority partner of the 60-40 Royal Dutch/Shell joint venture, a corporate structure that re-

empire that now makes up the Shell group, but his influence was not always benign. Late in life, his authoritarian bent developed into full-blown fascism. He became a fan of

Mussolini and, although not apparently anti-semitic (he admired his partner Samuel), he fell in love with Nazi Germany, retiring there in

At its very heart, Shell is a compromise, run by a committee of managing directors, a ture that created the need for a

marriage of hard-nosed Dutch engineers and wheeling and dealing British accountants. But the organisation left by

Deterding was very decentralsed. Local Shell companies had, until recently, enormous independence, a matrix struc-

big buleaucracy, a virtual diplomatic service in permanent transit between Shell Centre and the outposts, bringing advice on strategy from the centre and reporting (some might say spying) on

By the early 1990s that structure was becoming unwelldy; like the late British Empire Civil Service. Shell had become cosy while rival oil companies such as Exxon and BP had drastically slimmed down and raised their rates of return. Shell was earning a meagre 10 per cent on its; investment and, more ominous ly, was not finding new reserves at the same rate at which it produced oil from the ground. So Shell followed suit and

shed non-core businesses such as its loss-making metals businesses. Two years ago Cor Herkstroter, the chairman of Royal Dutch, launched an internal upheaval that led to the sacking of a third of head-office staff. The line of command was simplified and Shell executives were told to stop playing politics and make bottom-line decisions.

Shell's big challenge is to build on its inheritance; despite a period of low reserve additions: it has colossal untapped oil and gas assets. Its £40 billion balance sheet contains £7 billion in cash and it runs a treasury operation more successful than that of many banks. The company wants to raise returns to the level of the best in the oil industry but, for tax reasons, it has ruled out the simple expedient of buying back its shares. Instead, Shell is again in-

vesting agressively, with multibillion dollar projects to develop gasfields at huge depths in the Gulf of Mexico and in environmentally sensitive areas such as the Peruvian

rainforest. After shedding non-core businesses acquired in the 1970s, Shell in the 1990s is investing big sums in power generation and renewable energy, a diversification that is raising eyebrows in the City.

Shell's share price has harely flinched at criticism of the company, but internally its staff are deeply sensitive to the attacks. Whether or not through a subconscious need to clear the cupboards of any memories of the elderly Deterding, Shell has adopted, with help from integrity Works, its adviser, one of the most striking sets of business principles in the world, including a duty to express support for human rights.

In an age when many have lost confidence in the moral authority of government, the church and the police, some have turned to big business as the last potential saviour. Yet wealth and technological power do not bring solutions to political problems. Shell's reward for being a high-profile member of the establishment has been vilification.

Internally, Shell is trying to change the inheritance of a Victorian empire into something a bit more like a Roman empire. Shell can no longer afford to run its outposts with a band of Dutch and British expats, so it brings local talent to London for training, then returns them like new Romans to run the colonies. Inevitably. that will bring pressure on Shell to change the white and male appearance of its Anglo-Dutch leadership, who are, nevertheless, modestly paid by international standards.

Spanning the globe, the world's largest oil company is still a very reluctant neocolonial master. But it no longer believes it can hide behind the word "business".

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NatWest launches instant cash fund

By Richard Miles

NATWEST will today attempt to lure investors looking for a safe haven after last week's market turbulence by launching an instant-access cash fund as an alternative to

deposit accounts. The Sterling Fund aims to emulate the success of American money market funds, into which private investors have poured trillions of dollars. The

fund has been given a triple A credit rating by Standard & Poor's and will be managed by Gartmore, a NatWest subsidiary, and is open to anyone with £50,000 plus to invest.

Garimore says the yield on the fund will be 6.2 per cent, recalculated on a daily basis. Investors will be able to withdraw their money at any time without penalty.

Keep our opinions to yourself.

It's all very well to say share and share alike, but in all honesty wouldn't you prefer to enjoy at leisure your own copy of the Times Educational Supplement? The FE Focus section, in particular, really does deserve much more than a rushed flick through in the staffroom. So for opinions worth taking the time to listen to, buy your own copy, take it home and keep it to yourself. BEFOCUS

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operator shake-up

By Marianne Curphey

TOUR operators will be ordered to change the way they sell package holidays when the Monopolies and Mergers Commission publishes its report into anticompetitive behaviour by

The MMC report, which will be passed to Margaret Beckett, President of the Board of Trade, on November 7, will recommend that travel companies make clear the connections between their integrated airlines, high street shops and tour operating arms so con-sumers know exactly from which companies they are

buying their holidays. The MMC is likely to stop short of ordering companies to change the outside appearance of high street shops, but may force sales staff to make clear what commission they receive from companies.

The investigation was prompted by complaints from small independent travel companies, who claimed that the might of Thomson and its rival, Airtours, was squeezing them out of the market.

The leisure industry is moving rapidly towards "vertical integration" - when a single company sells its own holidays from its own travel shoos. Airtours has its own airline and Going Places shops; Thomson, the market leader with a 30 per cent share, owns an airline and the Lunn Poly high street chain. Thomson declined to com-

ment, saying the issue was "too sensitive to discuss". Airtours said it would not comment because the MMC does not want a public debate before publication". When the investigation was launched sources at the company

claimed that Thomson was taking a hard line on the issue

Wayne Sanderson, leisure analyst with Merrill Lynch, said: "Holidays are sold like any other product - sales people tend to push the prodnct that pays the best commission. The general feeling is that consumers enjoy some very good deals because the industry is so competitive and cut-throat. However, the market has not taken into account the fact that new Labour may adopt a new attitute to competition policy and may wish to

☐ Nigel Griffiths, the Consumer Affairs Minister, is due to address the Association of British Travel Agents' annual convention in Tenerife this week. Other speakers include Kenneth Clarke, the former Chancellor.

Lloyd's to sue more names

BANKRUPTCY proceedings are to be started against 100 more Lloyd's of London names this week (Adam Jones

Two weeks ago the insurance society sent final warnings to 230 members who had voted to accept its reconstruction and renewal package, which saved Lloyd's from collapsing under the weight of its prior losses, but had failed to pay the resulting bill. The final warning netted

just £200,000 out of the £60 million sought, with many of the 119 names who replied seeking to negotiate. Lloyd's said 100 of the names who did not respond would be served with formal statutory de-

mands for payment under the Insolvency Act, the first step towards bankruptcy.

Another 70 names, who accepted the package without paying their bills, were sent final warnings on Friday. Lloyd's has so far issued about 900 writs against names who refused to accept reconstruction and renewal

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MMC to order tour | Dressing down for British

BY SARAH CUNNINGHAM

less than in Belgium and £175 THE UK's claim to be the less than in Germany. Even coolest, most stylish nation in Austrians, Danes, the Dutch, Europe is dealt a blow by a report out today that shows Norwegians and Swedes the British to be among the most tight-fisted when it the British.

comes to buying clothes. The average Briton spends £350 a year on dothing, which is £100 less than the clothesconscious French and £175 less

than the stylish Italians. More surprisingly, British spending per head is also £400

less than in Switzerland, £200

spend more on clothing than Only the Firms, the Greeks, the Irish, the Portuguese and the Spanish spend less on clothing, the report from Corporate Intelligence on Retail-

ing shows. The Portuguese are the lowest spenders on clothes in Europe, at an average of just £225 per year. British

spending on clothing is surprisingly low, given that the UK's retail economy has expanded in recent years, while it has been flat in France and Germany, the report says. The UK's share of the total European clothing market is 11.5 per cent, although it has 15.3 per cent of western Europe's population.

The report says that the discrepancies in spending are mainly because of the amount of disposable income available.

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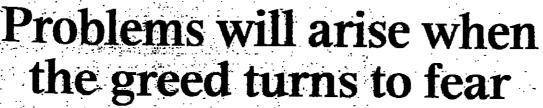
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Just when you thought it was safe to go back in the water!
After Thursday's plunge, share prices rallied on Friday before suffering another reverse in London.

Market prices, he said, were the outcome of an interaction between the opposing emotions of fear and greed. For most of the 1990s, greed has been in the ascendant. After last

week, fear may make a comeback. The idea that such raw emotions can have any relevance to today's hyper-sophisticated markets seems quaint. After all, now information is flashed instantly across myriad computer screens, and financial instruments are hedged, swapped, arbitraged, bundled and unbundled. -whatever you like. And the people doing this are a far cry from the bowler-hamed, brolly brigade of yesteryear. They are sharp and quickwitted, more likely to have a PhD in nuclear physics than a silver

It is easy to take comfort from the thought that what drives financial markets is the higher mathematics of the so-called rocket scientists, rather than the emotions of Keynes's day. But that is just the trouble. What the rocket scientists do is to make the markets more perfect at handling information and dealing with risk. In a hundred little ways they have improved the efficiency of the financial system and thereby provided a service to its users,



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Yet for all their smoothing and risk re-allocation, even they cannot overcome the really big problem that besets financial markets — the sheer impossibility of knowing the future. Should we be surprised? This is not so much to do with the peculiarities of financial markets as with the essence of the human condition. And that does not change rocket science or no.

What is the appropriate level of the stock market today? There are several ways of trying to come up with an answer, but in their differ-ent ways what they do is to codify the unknowable. That is why emotions still play their part.

When confidence is high, ultrabullish interpretations are beheved. They are not believed blindly, without reason. On the contrary, all sorts of reasons are adduced. But once confidence has been shattered, these reasons look like so many losing betting tickets torn up after a race.

The most radical reason for believing that the current level of the stock market is sustainable is

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the argument that the concept of value has next to nothing to do with it. What counts is the sheer weight of funds. In much of the developed West, but especially in the United States, there is a flood of money for the market as people push savings into assets to provide for their old age. Supposedly, this implies a structural shift in the demand for equities, which will drive up share prices, whatever the value indicators

I find this argument unpersua sive. The weight of savings is one thing, but the instruments into which they flow are quite another. Surely this lesson should have been

Japanese stock market. When the Nikkei stock market index was powering to its peak of nearly 40,000 in 1989, supposedly that too was because of the overwhelming weight

If you questioned the valuation you were liable to be told that you simply did not understand; Japan was different. Then once the bubble was burst, the market plunged. Interestingly, the "overwhelming weight of funds" had not changed just the direction of the money and the price which assets commanded in the market. Today, the Nikkei index languishes below the 18,000 The reason why investors in the

United States, many of them unsophisticated, continue to pile money into mutual funds is simply the extraordinary recent performance of such investments. They are operating on the assumption that this performance can be repeated. In-deed, isn't it what shares always do? An annual increase of 10 per cent is more or less guaranteed, but that would amount to a bad year - 15 per cent or 20 per cent is what they are really gunning for, year after year. But once such investors experience a sharp loss, their attitude may be rather different. That's where fear comes back in.

Still the ultra-bulls are unfazed. Where are investors going to put their money? It's got to go somewhere, they say. The answer is that it can go into bank deposits, where it can sit until the level of the market again makes stocks attractive.

It can also go into bonds. In the stock market crash of 1987, the initial reaction was to sell everything. bonds included. But the second thought was to switch out of equities into bonds. In last week's equity selloff, in both London and New York, this was the immediate reaction. As shares fell, bonds rose.

This made perfect sense. Although the interest rates on long govern-ment bonds look low on a historical comparison, the excellent inflation performance suggests that they have actually been offering good value. Their prospective returns have only looked pedestrian compared to the sparkling gains supposedly to be had from shares.

If you question whether share prices can rise any further, however, looks like a different matter. Nor do you have to believe the low inflation story to see attractions in bonds. You can get well over 3 per cent above inflation from indexlinked gilts — guaranteed by the British Government. That is piffling stuff when greed is in the ascendant, but it will look mightily attractive if fear stalks the street.

Ending of

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LOW-COST airlines and ferry

operators will be forced to

pass steep price increases on

to customers if duty-free shop-

ping is abolished in Europe in July 1999, according to BAA.

Discount £29 air fares could

rise to £44 as a result of the

move, spelling difficulties for

budget operators such as Deb-

Sir John Egan, chief executive of BAA, the airports to

retail group, accused the Trea-sury of "humbug" over its

response to the planned aboli-

tion of duty-free and said the

move would hurt business and

BAA faces a potential loss of

profit of £80 million if duty-

free shopping is abolished on

travel within Europe. Passengers will continue to enjoy

duty-free shopping on international flights outside Europe.

BAA is expected to recoup £55 million in increased landing charges, and hopes to contin-ue to offer discounts of 20 per

cent on liquor and tobacco.

Sir John gave warning that low-cost UK airlines, ferry

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Sir John attacked the UK's

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Duty and tax rates vary

tremendously across Europe.

are 76 per cent lower than in

the UK. Cigarettes are 45 per cent lower. Only Denmark

and the Irish Republic have higher excise rates on spirits,

while tobacco is universally

cheaper. BAA says duty-free

should remain until tax and

currency rates have been harmonised across Europe.

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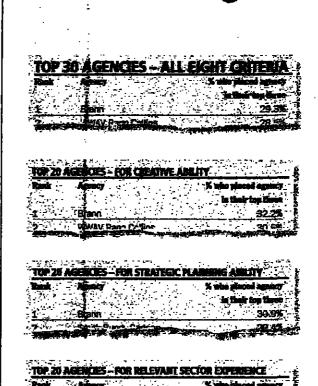
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Compromise urged on minimum wage

wage should be set at £3.85 an hour, says the The Centre for Economic Performance today in its submission to the Low Pay Commission. The recom-

mendation treads a line somewhere between the assertions of both employer organisations and trade unions. So far the Confederation of British Industry has called for

£3.20 as the maximum that could be imposed, saying that anything higher would lead to job losses. The TUC, mean-

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China deal adds to Boeing's problems

> FROM OLIVER AUGUST IN NEW YORK

BOEING is expected to sign an historic £1.5 billion aircraft deal with China this week against the backdrop of its most severe production problems in more than a decade.

Jiang Zemin, the Chinese President, will order 50 Boeing aircraft on Tuesday, when he begins the first US state visit in 12 years. The order will include 40 737s, five 757s and five 777s.

Zeng Peiyan, Vice-President of the State Planning Commission, said Boeing will be invited to assemble the 737s in Shanghai plants. Airbus and Boeing are both trying to get a footbold in Asia. China is seen as the biggest growth

market for aircraft. Severe production problems at Boeing, which triggered a \$1.6 billion (E) billion) thirdquarter charge, have arisen from the mability to cope with "unprecedented" demand. It has suffered a shortage of raw materials, parts and manpower and will not be able to give a definite delivery schedule for the aircraft.

sortium that includes British struck an agreement with Chinese manufacturers to build a 100-seat aircraft and hopes China will help to finance a new superjumbo.

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British at forefront of Earth's fragile existence designer-led revolution

Packaging is crucial

to product

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says Sarah Cunningham

n a scene from Annie Hall, Woody Allen wonders aloud why there are so many awards dished out and whether Adolf Hitler would stand a chance in the Best Dictator category. Receiving an award for designing a motor oil container may seem similarly ludicrous, but to those involved it is a very serious business indeed.

Halfords, the car parts and accessories retailer, and its consultancies. Lippa Pearce and Pentagram, were the winners of last year's own-brand packaging Design Effectiveness Award for the abovementioned oil cans. Halfords is up for three awards in this year's DEA competition. whose winners will be announced tonight.

While a customer might think that buying a particular brand of motor oil is determined by what is best, or cheapest, for the car, according to the designers of the award-winning Halfords packaging: "Design has been the single most significant factor in the runaway success of the range.

Zoe Morgan, marketing and buying manager for Halfords. which is part of the Boots Group, said that the design of the containers - whose main claim to fame is that they remove the "glug" from pour-ing oil by having the handle in a different place - had cost the company £100,000 and involved seven other companies. including consultancies, a manulacturer and a plastic

blow-moulding specialist. It was all worth it, Ms Morgan said, because "we all areas where we have invested in design and where else has been changed. Over a period of time









Up for design awards: Channel 5, top left, and Waterstone's, bottom right, both nominated for their corporate identity, Cadbury's for the packaging of its Fuse bar, and the Dyson vacuum cleaner. The winners will be announced tonight

reliability has improved." Among other companies and their consultancies - to emerge as finalists this year are Channel 5 and Waterstone's for their corporate identity, Cadbury for the packaging of its new Fuse bar. J Sainsbury for the packaging of its dried fruit, and BhS for its bra packaging.

According to the criteria of the competition. a design counts as effective if the judges outstanding contribution to the commercial success of a project. The ceremony will be followed by The Design Show. our reputation for quality and running from tomorrow until

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Thursday at the Business Design Centre in Islington, north London, which will showcase the work of 70 design groups.

The British commercial design industry, which is believed to be worth £12 billion a year and employs 12,000 people, is flourishing. Just as fashion designers such as John Galliano and Alexander McQueen have made British fashion the most exciting in Europe, so British commercial important international recognition. There are even a few star designers around, such as James Dyson of Dyson vacuum cleaner fame, whose company won the Design Effec-tiveness Grand Prix last year. British manufacturers now

spend £10 billion on product levelopment and design done both inhouse and through consultancies - while British design consultancies earn nearly. £400 million a year abroad

Ian Rowland-Hill, chief executive of the Design Business Association, believes - not too surprisingly - that there is a the Confederation of British Industry's national manufacturing report, published earlier this year, which showed that only one in ten of Britain's manufacturers is "truly

innovative". He dismisses the suggestion that foreigners are actually better at this sort of stuff. Italians, he says, "have a reputation for flair and style, but they come to our design schools and do not have the number of design companies we have". European car companies, he says, are stuffed with British designers.

Richard Holmes, director of Chemists, which has won several Design Effectiveness awards in the past and is a finalist again this year, says that all the company's packaging and retail space is de-signed by outside consul-tancies, all of them British. He, along with John McConnell of Pentagram, relies on a roster of about 20 companies. Mr Holmes has been with Boots for only two years, after spending most of his career working in Paris and Milan for Unilever, and he believes that British designers are second to none. "British modern commercial design is at the leading edge,"

he said. "It is partly about the best attracting the best. It's the same as if a country is good at football, then the youngsters want to play football." He believes that the in-creased emphasis on clean, purposeful design, which is

noticeable among all the suc-cessful retailers, has made a huge difference to Boots: "Boots's success is based on getting really, really close to customers and then getting designers to solve problems. As to the importance of this veek's awards, according to Ms Morgan, it is not that they

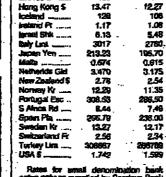
gain a company public recog-nition: "They are hugely motivational internally. People get a lot of satisfaction from knowing we are doing good work," she said. And as for companies that

think they can manage without worrying about their design, they are kidding themselves, Mr Holmes said. Everyone is involved in design whether they do it well or badly. The best companies do

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Equinox Sun Storm Channel 4, 9.00pm

Earth, that insignificant speck in the cosmos, relies on a ball of burning hydrogen, the Sun, for its existence. How fragile is that existence is made plain by this scary examination into the potential devastation caused by the activity of sun storms. l'urmoil on the Sun's surface produces magnetic Turnish on the Sun's surface produces magnetic storms which spew out solar material into space. This magnetically charged plasma reaches Earth and causes power surges which can wipe out power systems and satellite communications while playing havon with our climate. In 1989 much of Direlect suffered a worse service service was made and made an Ouebec suffered a power surge of such magnitude it was left without heat or light for days. We are just beginning to understand the fallouts. One scientist believes that sun storms are as responsible for global warming as greenhouse gases. As the millennium approaches, so the increasing frequency of sun storms is predicted. Be afraid.

TTV. 9.00 mm Women with attitude wear red stilettos and skirts women with attitude wear red stilettus and starts up to here — the working girls of Kay Mellor's Band of Gold are back. Well, two of them, at least. In this follow-up series the core stories revolve around the fates of Rose and Carol, last seen getting off the game and inheriting a fortune respectively. Carol may have been left a lucrative chicken factory but her troubles do not stop there. The vindictive nephew of her benefactor is out to besmirch her name and win back his inheritance. Meanwhile Rose's atternots to become respectable Meanwhile. Rose's attempts to become respectable are proving harder than even she expected. In the first episode she goes for a job as a hotel receptionist but ends up with one that has little to do with customer relations. Interweaved is a tale of murder and assault which will unravel in future episodes. Seedy, sally and sublimely played by Geraldine James and Cathy Tyson.

Picture This 8BC2, 9.30pm

A melancholic look from new director Presya Lal at the lives of three portrait artists who make their living on London's Leicester Square. Sporting a luxuriant mane of black hair, a mobile phone and



Host John Inverdale (BBCl, 10.40pm)

a sharp suit. Ti has tears in his eyes when he tells of his wife to whom he proposed after two days and whom he has not seen for six months. Bobby Solo, looking like Willie Nelson without the hair, has tears in his eyes when questioned about his family. Only Sumi, the Japanese girl brought up in Central America, refrains from crying when pressed on the subject of her brother's suicide. Their sad stories are accompanied by the continuous scratchings of pencil on paper and aninordinate amount of close-ups on eyes that can get a little irritating.

BBC1, 10.40pm
Proving that a sports programme does not have to appeal only to fanatics is this new magazine with the emphasis on information and entertainment. Chats with stars are interwoven with features and a round-up of the weekend's highlights with previews of forthcoming events, held together by host John inverdale. The roll-call of names indicates the quality expected: in programme one the guests are the footballing legend Johann Cruyff, the checky, charming, champion joddry Frankie Dettori, and deposed Formula One champion Damon Hill. Not a bad cross-section of the sporting greats. A rare scoop is also promised BBC), 10.40pm the sporting greats. A rare scoop is also promised with an interview with the man who has beaten. Mike Tyson twice (and not many people can say that), Evander Holyfield.

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Hayes over Britain

Radio 2, 9.30pm Radio 4, 2.00pm Outbreaks of religion on Radio 2 are tairly rare but the network has been committed to World of Faith Week for the past five years and this year there are week for the past five years and this year there are a host of programmes on this theme throughout the week. I choose this one because it will focus on the abortion laws in Britain, thus demonstrating that World of Faith Week is not some cosy sequence of programmes in which people sing hymns: there is plenty of variety, plenty of issues-related discussion and indeed all the religions of the world are featured. Brian Haves is one of the

One of the drama highlights of the week is this dramatisation by Nick Stafford of the bestselling novel by Sebastian Faulks. The radio version is in three parts and stars Toby Stephens and Sophie Ward. The story is really in two strands which become one when the two people concerned meet and fall in love. Stephens plays Stephen Wraysford, who travels to France in 1910 to study terriles but soon falls in love with Isabelle (Ward). textiles but soon falls in love with Isabelle (Ward), the wife of the owner of the factory where Wraysford is based. They start a passionate affair and run away together but ... well, to say any more would spoil part one, but the overall story. covering love and war and all the elements of human relationships, is well suited to radio

Jo Whitey, includes 12,30pm Newsbeat 2.00 Mark Raddiffe 4.00 Daye Pearce 6.15 Newsbeat 6.30 Sound City '97: Oxford. Steve Lamaco and John Peel present live music from the Zociac Club and Brookes University. With Embrace, Travis. Ultracound, Scarfo and Gene 10.30 Mary Anne Hobbs 1.00am Cilve Warren 4.00 Chris Moyles

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RADIO 5 LIVE

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TALK RADIO

6.30am Paul Ross and Carol McGiffen 9.00 Scott Chisholm 12.00 Lonaine Kelly 2.00pm Tommy Boyd 4.00 Peter Decley 7.00 Anna Raebum 9.00 James Whele 1.00am lan Collins

WORLD SERVICE

the world are featured. Brian Hayes is one of the

best presenters in radio and many will be sorry that his temporary occupancy of *The Magazine* on 5 Live is over; but his evening slot remains

8.00am Newson 8.30 Europe 100am 7.30 Nasa 7.15 Cit in Shell: The Londy Londomers 7.30 The Vertage Charl. Show 8.00 News 8.10 Pause for Thought 8.15 Sport on Trial 9.00 News; News in German (648 only) 9.05 World Business Report 9.15 Major (Riens 9.30 BSC English: Britain Now 9.45 Sports Roundup 10.00 Newsdesk 10.30 Crumbus 11.00 Newsdesk 11.30 Jazzmetaz: 12.00 News 12.05pm World Business Report 12.15 British Today 12.30 Seven Deys 12.45 Sports Roundup 1.00 Newshour 2.00 News 2.05 Outlook 2.30 Chill Roundup 1.00 Newshour 2.00 News 2.05 Outlook 2.30 Chill Out 3.00 World News; (648 only) News in German 3.65 Sports Roundup 3.15 History Today 3.30 The Ed Stewart Show 4.00 News 4.15 Seven Days 4.30 The World Today; (648 only) News in German-4.45 Britain Today 5.90 Europe Today 5.30 World Business Réport 5.45 Sports Roundup 6.00 Newsdesk 6.30 Cross Ouestioned; News in German (648 only) 7.00 News 7.01 Outlook 7.25 Paulse for Thought 7.30 Multitrack Hit List 8.00 Newshour 9.00 News 9.05 World Business Report 9.15 Britain Today 9.30 Heritage 10.00 Newsdesk 12.30 The World Today 10.45 Sports Roundup 11.00 News 11.05 Outlook 11.30 Multitrack Hit List 12.00 Newsdesk 12.30am The Way to the West 12.45 Britain Today 1.00 Newsdesk 1.30 Seven Days 1.45 Poams by Post 2.00 Newsdesk 1.30 On Screen 3.06 News 3.05 World Business Report 3.15 Sports Roundup 3.30 Message to Myself 4.00 Newsdesk 4.30 Europe Today 5.00 Newsday 5.30 Europe Today 5.00 Newsday 5.30 Europe Today 5.00

CLASSIC FM

G.00am Alan Mann. Includes the Trumpet Alarm Call and Breakfast Baroque 9.00 Henry Kelly. Includes the Classic Masterplace, Half of Farms Hour and the Classic Recipe 1.00pm Usterier Request Hour with Jane Jones 2.00 Concerts. Schubert (Fartasy for Plano in C) 3.00 Jame Crick 7.00 Newaright with John Burning 7.30 Sonata. Mehul (Plano Sonata No 3 in A minor) 8.00 Evening Concert. Mazar (Symphony No 29 in A); Bolediau (Herp Concerto in C; Leopoid Mazart (Trumpet Concerto in D); Beethoven (Pierro Sonata in F minor, Appassionata); Haydin (String Quartet in E. flat, Joke) 18.00 Jame Markham, Includes at 11.35 Noctume 2.00am Concerto for 3.00 Mark (Griffiths 2.00mm Concerto (r) 3.00 Mark Griffiths

6.00am On Alir, with Andrew McGregor: Includes Mazert (Overture Idameneo; Plano Concerto No. 21 in C, 1467); Biber (Serenada in C — The Nightwetchman); Grainger (A Lincolnshite Posy); Gershwin (Cuban Ovenure); Schubert, compl

Gershwin (Guban Overture); Schubert, compl Newbould (Symphony in D) 9.00 Morning Collection, with Peter Hobday, Handel (Concerto grosso in D minor, Op 6 No 10); Johann Strauss (son), transcr Schoenberg (Roses from the South); Saint-Saèns (Alfrea); Haydri (Symphony No 95 in C minor) 10.00 Musical Encounters, with Stephania Hughes J.C. Bach (Symphony in B flat, Op 6 No 4); Mozart (String Quartet in C, K465, Dissonance); Bestinoven (Overture, Fidelio) 12.00 Composer of the Weeks, Jan Ladislaw Duesek

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1.00pm News; The Radio 3 Lunchtline Concert. Live
from St John's, Smith Stuare, London. London
Sintoniata under Elgar Howarth. Schreker
(Chamber Symphony); Schoenberg (Chamber
Symphony No 1)
2.00 BBC Orchestrae, BBC National Orchestra of
Wales under David Atherton. With Kathryn Spit,
plano, and Della Jones, mezzo, Glinka (Overture:
Ruslan and Ludmila); Beathoven (Plano Concerto
No 1 in C); Falla (B Arnor Brujo); Rachmaninov
(Symphony No 1 in D minor)
4.00 Music Matters, with Ivan Hewettir)
4.45 Music Machine, with Verty Starp
5.00 In Tune. To celebrate the derice testival, Danos.
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choreographer each day this week about their

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pienos in C major K448) perfromed by Alfred. Brendel and Walter Klein

Brendel and Walter Kein
7.30 Performance on 3. London Symphony Chorus
and Orchestra under Richard Hickox. Vaughan
Williams (The Poisoned Kiss, excerpts), with NeelDavies, bass, Felicity Pelmer, contratto, Janice
Walson, soprano, Vaughan Williams (Fantasia on:
a Theme by Thomas Tallis; Symphony No 5)
9.25 Postsertpt: Spirit Machines by Robert Crawford.
The first of five specialty commissioned poems:
blending words and sound.
9.45 Anniversaries. Today sees the birthdays of two
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blending words and sound.

9.45 Anniversaries. Today sees the bithdays of two very different but very imnovative composers. Paganini was born today in 1792, and Conlon Nancarrow would have been 85 today.

10.00 Velces, lain Burnside introduces a secial given in July by Emma Kirby, soprano, and Anthony Rooley, lute, at the Pittville Pump Room as part of the Cheltenham Festival. Dowland (Sweet Stay a Whie; Shall I Strive with Wordes to Move; Farewell Unkind Farewell: Fine Knacks for Ledies); Purcell (Crown the Altar, Deck the Shrine, 2321 No 7; Linge Me no More, 2426; Ye Gernt, 2321 No 7; Linge Me no More, 2426; Ye Gernt, 2321 No 7; Linge Me no More, 2426; Ye Gernt, Sprins, Pary Queen; When First Anninas Sued for a Kiss, 2430. D'India (De l'Onde del Mio Planto; Amico, Hal Virto; Torna il Sereno Zefiro)

10.45 Mixing R, with Mark Russell and Robert Sandell

11.30 Composer of the Weels: William Walton (r)

12.30am Jazz Notce, with Campbell Burnap

1.00 Through the Night, with Donald Madeod

5,55am Shipping Forecast 6.00 News Briefing 6.10 Farming Today 6.25 Prayer for the Day 6.30 Today 8.45 Woman in the House. The first in a five-part series in which Shirley Williams examines lite in Westminster from a female perspective 8.58

9.00 News 9.05 Start the Week. The Times columnist Melvyn Bragg is joined by the artist and sculptor Eduardo Paoloza and the writer Fintan O'Toole 10.00 (LW) Delly Service 10.00 News: With Great Pleasure. In his 95th year, Lord Soper looks back over his lite and introduces

extracts from his favourite books, hymns and poems. James Fox and Stephante Cole read the

extracts

10.15 (LW) On This Day, with Geoffrey Wheeler
10.36 Woman's Hour, introduced by Jenni Munay(6/12)
11.30 Money Box Live. Personal finance news
presented by Vincent Duggleby
12.00 News; You and Yours, with Mark Whitaker
12.25pm Wildbruin. Lionel Kelleway chairs the first
regional heat of the new wichine quiz in Liverpool
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1.00 The World at One
1,40 The Archers (f) 1.55 Shipping Forecast
2.00 News; Birdsong: See Choice
3.00 The Afternoon Shift, with Laurie Taylor
4.00 News 4.05 Kajeldooscope. Lynne Walker sees a
new version of The Many Widow staged by the
Royal Opers, and an exhibition leaturing the
theatre designs of Reigh Koltsi
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5.00 PM, with Clare English and Chris Lowe 5.50.
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6.00 Shr O'Clock Nerve

8.30 Nerve Cutz. The topical quiz chaired by Simon Hoggart. With regular penellists Francis Wheen and the Times columnist Alan Coren (r)

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7.00 News 7.05 The Archers
7.20 The Food Programme, with Derek Cooper (r)
7.45 The Monday Play: Marked for Place, by Ronan
Bernett. The surv of a Northern lists prisoner in
an Empiss jail. With Michael Melie and David
Herflhy (r)
9.15 Colour Radio: Black and White. The final
programme in the series exploring colour. With
Ferella Fielding and Michael Fertion-Stevens (r)
9.36 Kaleidoscope (r) 9.59 Weather
10.00 The World Tongint
10.45 Book at Bedimer Laughther in the Dark, by
Viadimir Nabokov, abridged by Naville Teller and
read by David Horovich (1/10)
11.00 (FM) Education Matters. A new series
11.00 (FM) Comparing Notes with Brian Kay. Brian
Kay considers the current state of bellet in Britain
with the composer Brian Eles and the conductor
Berry Wordsworth (r)
11.30 (LW) Today In Partisonent
11.30 (FM) Ballyleson. The comedy deems series by
Christopher Fize Simon (r)
12.00 News 12.30am The Lake Book: The Haunting
of Hill House, by Striley Jackson (4/8) (r)
12.48 (LW) Shipping Forecast 1.00 As World Services

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Two fat ladies good, one fat lady not so good

Chocolate (BBCI) was not the first BBC production to have linked those two pleasures in Maloney gamely tried to tempt Dawn French away from her Parisian chocolate ice-cream did you know that chocolate es the same chemical reaction in the brain as sex?" - I knew I'd heard virtually the same line only a few days before. Got it. It was Clarissa Dickson Wright in oh dear - Two Fat Ladies.

Suddenly everything fell uncom-fortably into place. Set and Chocolate - or Sex and Milk Chocolate with a High Milk Content, as the repeat must now be called — wasn't just a chick's flick. It was a fat chick's flick. Bad news if you were male and/or halfway slim. Believe me, being soxist and sizeist by paragraph two does not come easily, but as far as I can see

believe that a successful male after a break of at least five fashion photographer, bumping minutes), a ska-loving, semi-reinto his first girlfriend, would not be deterred by the fact she was now the size of a small primary school? No, a chap did not.

I know. I know. I'm completely missing the point. This was romantic fantasy, where the whole point was that Bev Bodger (subtle stuff, huh?) would still be wooed. whisked off to Paris and become the crowning moment in a Jasper Conran fashion show - despite her size. But if I'd missed the point, so had Tony Grounds, its writer, whose chocolatey confection was sourced by over-elaboration.

That's because Sex and Chocolate didn't rest on one improbability, but two. Bev's pursuit by Billy Gale (Maloney), the world-famous photographer, was actually the second. The first was that she enjoyed a preposterously happy marriage to Ian Bodger (Philthere's no alternative. Did a chap Daniels returning to our screens

formed skinhead who was both dream husband and perfect father. One towering improbability was fine, two I could cope with as long as we stayed in the realm of fantasy. But please, after a moderately enjoyable 80 minutes, don't ask me to believe that these comic fantasies are real people with real emotions. The sight of poor Daniels, pointlessy emoting his socks

off, was too much to bear and

certainly proof that when it comes

to romantic fantasy (and please

don't let it come too often) you

cannot have your cake and eat it.

the best drama of the weekend came early, on Friday in fact, when the same recipe of leisurely pace and a familiarlooking cast was used to much better effect in An Unsuitable Job for a Woman (ITV). The gentle

Not even a chocolate one.



Matthew

Bond

z, remarkable in a prime-time ITV drama, surrend son to be crucial, as we became accustomed to the right of Fichet Bearndale in yet also her starring role.

Baxendale is a young actress who has worked so much in such a short time that it is sometimes difficult to see beyond the familiar attributes (the hair, the nose, the voice that still carries a hint of the truculent teenager) and find the

problems believing she was Cordelia Gray, the young woman who inherits a private detective agency when her boss, a former police man, commits suicide after being told he had terminal cancer. For the second half-hour, we weren't quite at the "I couldn't imagine she'd ever played anyone else" stage, but we were getting there.

That was partly because of her performance (more thoughtful, lots of pauses, less flashing of eyes) and partly because of the quality of what was going on around her. Rosemary Leach, in particular, was outstanding as the emotionally bottled-up spinster who found the unfortunate young man hanging in the summer house. Oh yes, the cliches of the genre are there. but William Humble, who has adapted the P.D. James novel into three parts, and Ben Bolt, the director, have so far tiptoed very

character she is playing. For the first half-hour, I had all sorts of cannot come quickly enough.

f the familiar opening titles are still a clue of what lies ahead, all those theatre tickets suggest that Omnibus (BBCI) is still an arts programme. In which case what was a profile of Katharine Graham, owner of The Washington Post, doing there last night, apart from serving as a very long trailer for All the President's Men?

Although I suspect Ursula Macfarlane's film, Citizen Kay, contained few surprises for those familiar with Graham's riches to riches story, it will surely never be told by a more authoritative cast. From Graham herself, to Henry Kissinger, to the heroes of the Watergate story - Ben Bradlee, Bob Woodward and Carl Bernstein - the story was told; firsthand by everyone barring the many Presidents she has known. Post-Watergate, the narrative got a bit vague and confused. So they ran the credits and showed the film instead

No doubting the provenance, however, of Arthouse, Channel 4's new arts documentary series. Not only was it about pictures, they were actually by an artist we had all heard of even if we can't always agree about how he is pronounced: Van Gogh. The problem is that not all Van Goghs are his - some of them could be Schuffenecker's. That was the basic contention put forward by Geraldine Norman, a writer, saleroom expert and art historian.

Norman is not a natural broadcaster (the lack of gloss eventually proved a plus rather than a minus) and some messy captioning made her task no easier, but she turned the complex story of the Van Gogh fakes into riveting television. If this is a sign of things to come. Channel 4 could have something rather special on its hands.

6.00em Business Streekfast (68447) 7.00 BBC Streekfast News (1) (63805) 9.00 Can't Cook, West't Cook (1) (3356992) 9.25 Style Challenge (3375027)

9.50 Kilroy (T) (1101599) 10.30 Change That (8595089) 10.55 The Really Useful Show (1) (1657805) 11.35 Real Rooms New series. Transforming a neglected bedroom (3217553)

12.00 News (T) and weather (8659805) 12.05pm Cell My Bluff (7322282) 12.35 Going for a Sang Antiques quiz (5004843). 1.00 News (T) and weather (66992)

1.30 Regional News and weather (73146331) 1.40 The Weather Show (28880094) 1.45 Neighbours (1) (71862843) 2_10 Quincy (r) (8894089)

3.00 World on a Plate New series, Loyd Grossman Investigates the history of food worldwide, betylming in Jordan and Monte Carlo (1) (9843) 3.30 Playdays (8515669) 3.50 Enchanted Lands (9006398) 4.96 Roald Dahl's Revolting Recipes (3992263) 4.15 Noah's Island (6784840) 4.40 Goosebumps (3417114) 5.00

Newsround (1) (2684973) 5.18 Bice Peter (T) (9090398) 5.35 Neighbours (r) (T) (803599). 6.80 News (T) and weather (824) 6.30 Regional News (176)

7.00 This is Your Life (i) (1824) 7.30 Here and New Chris Choi Investigs the work of liquidators (1) (260) 8.00 FeetForters The tension between and Joe gets worse (T) (7244)

8.30 Only Fools and Horses Classic comedy, starring David Jason and Nicholas Lynchurst (r) (1) (6379) 9.00 News (T) and weather (8331) 9.30 Bloomin' Marvellous Jack and Liz

decide to make the most of their last child-free days together. Last in series (T)

change in attitudes within the political parties towards same sex relationships

On Side New sport-based show with John Inverdale talking to the footballer Johann Cruyff, the jockey Frankle Detton, the baxer Evander Holyfield and Formula One's Demon Hill (122824)

11.30 Film '97 with Barry Norman Reviews of thriller LA Confidential, with Kim Basinger and Kevin Spacey; and Smilla's Feeling For Snow, staming Julia Ormond and Gabriel Byrne. Plus: a report on Northern ireland's thriving film and television industry (56027) WALES: 11.30 FAW Cup: Cardiff City v Wrexham (591350) 12.10mm Film '97 with Barry Norman (4911480) 12.40 Fil.M: Bad Man's River (3956751) 2.10 News

12.00 Bad Man's River (1972) Tongue-incheek western following the adventures of a gang of outlaws. Lee Van Cleen ason and Gina Lollobrigida star. Directed by Gene Mertin (63935) 1.30am Weather (1484312)

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1.10 The Art and Antiques Hour New series, (7118331) 2.10 Going, Going, Gone (74044060) 2.35 Talent 2000 (3212805) 2.40 News (3219718)

2.45 Westminster Coverage of Chancellor Gordon Brown's statement on the single Currency (1) (1433843)
4.00 Ready, Steady, Cook (319) 4.30
Through the Keyhole (r) (8319805) 4.55

Esther: Devid Essex (8238534) **5.38** Today's the Day (553) 6.00 The Simpsons Hallowe'en Special Homer overhears three tales of terror to mark Hallowe'en (1) (146485).

6.20 Battlester Galactica (†) (1) (546398) 7.10 The Car's the Star: The Ford Capri (1)



7.30 Making Masterpleces Neil MacGregor leads a team from the National Gallery to produce an alterpiece, following instructions set down by the 14th-century Florentine artist Cennino Cennini (T)

8.00 Decisive Weapons: The Bell Huey Helicopter: Vietnam War Horse (r) (T (8114)-

8.30 Two Fat Ladies prepare a slap-up breakfast (1) (7621) 9.90 The Mrs Merton Show (r) (I)

Picture This Profile of portrait painters in London's Leicester Square. Lest in series (T) (37805) 10.00 Never Mind the Buzzcocks Last in series (21756)

10.30 Newsalght (1) (380911) 11.15 Oldie TV. New senes (622669) 11.55 Westher (145350) 12.00 Midnight Hour (31454) 12.30em Learning Zone: The Making of Simon Callow (1484954) 12.45 Talent 2000 (438848) 2.00 Schools: Special Needs (70225) 4.00 Sueños World Spanish (23119) 5.00 Skills for Work

6.00am GMTV (4500282) 9.25 Supermarket Sweet (?) (3351447) 9.55 Regional News (5985242)

10.00 The Time, the Piece (45911) 10.30 This Morning (1) (77133089) 12.20pm Regional News (8655089) 12.30 News (T) and weather (5090645)

12.55 High Road (5075331) 1.25 Home and Away (1) (76442718) 1.50 The Sectors (1955) Jack Hawkins sters as a navel officer captured by natives in New Zeeland when he accidentally walks over a sacred burial ground. Directed by Ken Annakin (9115391)

3.29 News (T) (4496379) 3.25 Regional News (4488350) 3.30 Tots TV (8502911) 3.49 The Slow North (9095282) 3.50 Wolves, Witches and Giants (8513027) 4.05 Sooty and Co (6746244) 4.25 Are You Afraki of the Dark? Special (6755992) 4.30 How 2

5.10 WALES: The House (r) (T) (3474911) 5.10 We Are Seven (3474911) 5.40 News (1) and weather (285447). 6.00 Home and Away (971224) 6.25 Regional Weather (938553)

6.30 Regional News (T) (244) 7.90 Talking Telephone Numbers (6992) 7.30 Coronation Street Nick suffers a rude interruption to his rites of passage. Salid bends Galil's ear (T) (756)

8.90 World in Action in the first of a two-par report World in Action sets out to expose unscrupulous workmen (T) (5640) 8.30 Michael Barrymore's Strike It Rich (1)



On the street with James (9,60am)

Gold: She's Back New gritty drama series featuring the Band of Gold team. Rose, now wo with prostitutes, finds herself involved with hustler Paula, the prime suspect in a murder case. With Geraldine James and Cathy Tyson (T) (1599)

10.00 News (I) and weather (18282) 10,30 Regional News (788669). 10.40 Nash Bridges Nash finds himself stuck with an 11-year-old definquent, who is a link to a drug baron (T) (855640)

11.40 Highlander When an innocent bystander is killed in a swordflight, MarcLeod, haunted by the man's death, tries to find out more about him (1) (798176) 12 40em Football Fytra (9512119) 1.40 War of the Worlds (r) (6829157)

2.30 Rockmania (r) (80480) 3,30 God's Gift (r) [6157003) 4,20 Breekeways (r) (1) (97807138) 4.35 World in Action (r) (1) (56707751) 5.00 Coronation Street (r) (1) (31732) 5.30 News (31157) . . .

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15.88 Charlie Grace (956440) **\$2,35am Footbell Extra** (1452935) 1.48 Late and Loud (9949867) 2.45 Film: The Brides of Dracula (1499867) 4.10 The Making of Speed 2: Cruise

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CHANNEL 4

5.55am Sesame Street (84485) 7.00 The Bigger Breakfast includes 9.00 Pink Panther, 9.20 Eerie Indiana; 9.50 Crystal Maze (r); 10.50 Happy Days (r)

11.30 The Pulse Asthma (r) (T) (2534) 12.00 Sesame Street (15195) 12.30pm Light Lunch (8132379)

1.35 Exposed Weddings (73152992) 1.50 The Kidnappers (1953, b/w) with Duncan Macrae, Jean Anderson and Adrienne Corri Two boys, when denied a dog, kidnap a baby. Directed by Philip

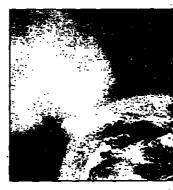
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(1) (8223602) 5.30 Pet Rescue (r) (1)

6.00 Home Improvement Tim walks in on his sister-in-law while she is taking a shower (T) (534)

6.30 Hollyoaks Spike takes Ruth hostage in the office (T) (114)

7.00 Channel 4 News (T) (184992) 7.50 Political Slot The first of five nightly programmes in which MPs offer their opinions on topical issues (849640) 8.00 Wild Tales from National Geographics

Thorn Tree Country Examining the role of the acacia tree in the African woodland



A threat to our existence (9.00pm)

9,00 Equinox Sun Storm Magnetic storms on the Sun can cause havoc on Earth. Scientists are warning of a sharp increase in these storms by the year 2000 (T) (1911) 10.00 NYPD Blue: Emission Impossible

Simone and Sigowicz investigate multiple homicide at a nightclub; Abby asks Medavoy for help (7) (953621) 10.55 Seven Sins: Lust Paul Burston presents a look at the lifestyle in South Reach.

Florida, where gay men live a life of hedonism (6/7) (7) (286350) 11.25 The American Football Big Match

(561534) 12.45am Trans World Sport (r) (1959157) 1.50 The Young Mr Pitt (1942, b/w) starring

Robert Donat and Robert Morley. A faithful biopic of Britain's youngest Prime Minister. Directed by Carol Reed 3.55 It's Not Cricket (1948, b/w) Comedy with

Basil Radford and Naunton Wayne as army officers cashiered for lefting a top Nazi escape. Back in chry street they start a detective agency and run into their old adversary agein. Directed by Alfred Roome and Roy Rich (1136515) 5.15 in Conversation With Henry Biofeld. cricket commentator (r) (T) (2507848)

5.50 Terrytoons (1490732)

CHANNEL 5

CHANNEL 5 ON SATELLITE Channel 5 is now broadcasting on transponder No 63 on the Astra Satellite. Viewers with a Videocrypt decoder will be able to receive the channel free of

charge. Frequencies for transponder No 63 are picture: 10.92075 GHz; sound: 7.02 and 7.20 MHz 6.00am 5 News Early (2425447) 7.30 Milkshake (7448244) 7.35 USA High (r) (3566486) 8.00 Havakazoo (r) (8829843)

8.30 WideWorld A look at the work of Piet Mondrian (8828114) 9.00 Espresso (5091195) 10.00 Exclusive (r) (6747718) 10.30 Animal Calypso: Bats of

Tamana (r) (T) (8808350) 11.00 Leeza (5117373) 11.50 Double Espresso (44723466) 12.00 The Bold and the Beautiful (Ť) (8899602) 12.30pm Family Alfairs (r) (T) (4582293)

1.00 5 News Update (99699027) 1.05 Sunsel Beach (T) (1856379) 2.00 5's Company



Jeff East in title role (3.30pm)

3.30 Huckleberry Finn (1974) Musical version of Mark Twain's classic with Huck and Jim sinning and dansing their remarks and Jim singing and dancing their way along the Mississippi River With Jeff East and Paul Winfield. Directed by J. Lee

Thompson (2429263) 5.30 Whittle (T) (8802466)

6.00 100 Per Cent (8809379) 6.30 Family Affairs Pete gives Roy a change of image (T) (8883331)

7.00 Exclusive Naina Parmar reports from Los Angeles on the trend for today's stars to buy the biographical rights of the stars from yesteryear (6640621) 7.30 Song of the Seal: Way of the Walrus
The luture of the walrus in the seas of the

Arctic (T) (8812843) 8.00 Period Rooms The team's challenge for Hallowe'en week is to decorate a bedroom from the Gothic period, without

scaring the neighbours (T) (6666669) 8.30 5 News (T) (6645176) 9.00 The Sweeney: The Golden Fleece Detective Chief Inspector Haskins comes

under the scrutiny of Internal Affairs when two Australian conmentry to frame him 10,00 Wing and a Prayer: The Greater Good

Chris has to put his prejudice aside to detend a transsexual (T) (3796485) 11.00 The Jack Docherty Show (5243602) 11.45 Prisoner: Cell Block H (8445466)

12.45am Live and Dengerous (24914003)

3.45 Asian Football Show (2546206) 4.35 The Streets of San Francisco: Poisoned Snow Personal tragedy prompts a narcotics officer to seek revenge (T) (8344312)

5,30 100 Per Cent (r) (5049732)

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Bitter pill for Glaxo Wellcome as rivals capture sales

BY PAUL DURMAN

LESS than three months since first being exposed to unbranded competition. Glaxo Wellcome's top-selling ulcer drug has already lost more than half its US sales to rivals that are on course to reduce prices 85 per cent by the end of the year.

Zantac, once the world's biggest-selling pharmaceuticals, lost its US patent pro-tection in July, allowing generic drug

companies to begin supplying ramiddine hydrochloride, as it is known chemically. According to an industry estimate, the six fall to only 15 per cent of the branded price generic firms that have so far entered the market have already captured 57 per cent of prescriptions.

. Nigel Barnes, analyst at Merrill Lynch, is wary of Glaxo Wellcome because of the speed with which it is losing Zantac sales to the generic version. He points out that Novartis, the Swiss drugs company that by the end of the year. The growing differential will hasten Glaxo Wellcome's loss of sales.

Glaxo Wellcome shares have been highly volatile this year. On Friday, they closed at £12.55, against a 1997 high of £14.06 and a low of 894p. Sir Richard Sykes, Glaxo Wellcome's

chairman and chief executive, has conceded that the company will eventually lose 90 per cent of its Zantac sales, but the erosion of the US business is taking place much faster than in other similar cases.

Novartis says the price erosion has been dramatic since the first generics appeared at the start of August. It estimates the price had fallen to 50 per cent of brand by the end of the first month and to 25 per cent by the end of September. This is set to continue as Geneva, the Novartis generic business, and others battle for market share.

Since generic drugs are by definition medicinally identical, price is overwhelm-ingly the most important factor. Industry models suggest the speed and scale of price erosion depends on the number of competitors that appear.

Zantac seems set for a much more rapid demise than that suffered by Tagamet, a

similar ulcer drug from SmithKline Beecham that lost its patent a few years ago. According to AT Kearney, the consultants, one year after entry to the market, generics had captured 65 per cent of sales but the price discount to the brand was limited to 50 per cent.

The sales of generic companies are expected to grow rapidly in the next few years, with many large selling drugs approaching the end of patent protection

City watchdog system faces radical reform

By Caroline Merrell

DISCIPLINARY procedures for financial companies are expected to be radically overhauled under the new single

regulatory organisation.
Plans for the new body, provisionally named NewRo. are to be revealed this week. The single authority will replace nine regulatory organ-isations and will have responsibility for supervising banks, investment companies, building societies, securities firms, financial advisers and insurers. Howard Davies, the NewRo chairman, will present proposals to senior

representatives from the in-But a shift to a system more dustry tomorrow. He will also akin to the Securities and unveil the new name.

The introduction of a single Exchange Commission in America is bound to create supervisory body will simplify the current regulatory system. friction among the companies, many of which are already struggling to compensate thousands of people who were

under which many financial companies have more than one regulator. The new organmis-sold personal pensions. isation is expected to move Executives at the super regaway from self-regulation, ulator are also believed to where representatives from want the disciplinary process the companies are largely to be more consistent, and responsible for the regulatory framework, to a more legalisswifter. For instance, the Personal Investment Authority (PIA) the retail regulator, has tic system, under which public interest groups will have a fined a number of companies greater influence on policy. for being slow to pay compensation to pensions mis-selling victims. However, the PIA is

Utilities finds chief to replace Pitcher

By Our Industrial Correspondent

UNITED UTILITIES is Desmond, who is expected close to naming a successor to Sir Desmond Pitcher, its tutions to leave before next to Sir Desmond Pitcher, its embattled chairman. The United board will meet tomorrow to ratify the appointment of a senior business figure, believed to be from outside the utilities sector and to be announced in the next few days.

The appointment of the new chairman will not hasten the departure of Sir summer, following the sacking in July of Brian Staples.

chief executive. The chairman-elect is expected to work for several months alongside Sir Desmond to get to grips with the business, which next year faces the introduction of competition into household electricity.



The power of love. National Youth Theatre actors Lucy Punch and David Nicolle as Shakespeare's Romeo and Juliet at Peterborough power station to launch a three-year. £870.000 sponsorship of the theatre group by The Energy Group

City braced for EMU verdict

By JANET BUSH, ECONOMICS EDITOR

FINANCIAL markets are braced for today's statement of government policy towards the European single currency from Gordon Brown, Chancellor of the Exchequer.

After weeks of ambiguity in ministers' comments and contradictory press reports, traders are nervous about the contents of what is hoped will be the final exposition of the Government's position on economic and monetary union. Business leaders are also anxious to see

the contents of the Chancellor's statement.

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would compete with the bud-

get lines such as EasyJet,

Ryanair, Debonair and Virgin

Express, which have been successful on short-haul

routes. These airlines under-

cut standard fares by between

A cheaper BA service would

also target passengers who use Eurostar to Paris and

Brussels. A fresh round of

price cuts among the airlines

would be inevitable with the

arrival of a new strong player

in the sector. It is likely that

BA's service would start next

year and fly out of Stansted

airport in Essex.

40 per cent and 80 per cent.

The new no-frills service

ger travellers.

with the Confederation of British Industry and the British Chambers of Commerce privately dismayed last week at reports that joining the single currency would be ruled out for the lifetime of this

A CBI survey published today suggests that the strong pound is having a severe adverse impact on small and mediumsized busineses, with exports falling at their fastest rate in 19 years. Yesterday NatWest Bank embarked on

its biggest-ever training scheme to pre-pare its 5,200 corporate banking staff to deal with EMU. The plan is to equip staff with the skills needed to help the bank's 35,000 corporate customers to do business in euros, whether or not Britain joins the

Patrick Foley and Trevor Williams, the Lloyds Bank economists, today argue that the fact that Britain's economic cycle is out of sync with the rest of Europe is not an impediment to entry either in 1999 or later. They believe that, by 1999, British rates may be only I per cent higher than the average of European interest rates.

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Yahoo! puts free market news on the Net

By CHRIS AYRES

YAHOO!, the Internet infor mation company, will today launch a continuous stock market news and data service. available free to anyone with access to a computer and modem (Chris Ayres writes).

The service, to run on a 20minute delay and to include financial news from Reuters and the Press Association, will be a direct challenge to its more traditional wire-based rivals, such as ICV's Topic. It will be funded by advertising

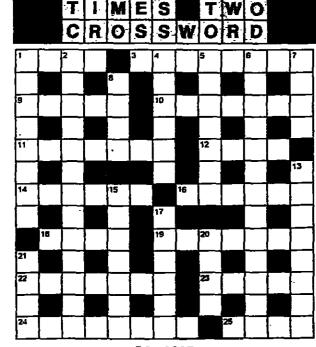
revenues.
Other féatures of the service will include exchange rates, precious metal prices, com-pany profiles and share prices from Paris and Frankfurt

stock markets. A direct link will be given to Yahoors service in the US. which combines New Yark Stock Exchange share prices

with a broking service.
Yahoo! was created three years ago by David Filo and Jerry Yang, two American PhD students, who each made £90 million when it was floated on the New York Stock Exchange last year, its name stands for Yet Another Hierarchical Officious Oracle.

The company aims to capitalise on the swelling number of private investors in Britain - currently estimated to be more than 18 million created partly by the conver-sion of building societies into banks. Yahoo! is expected to launch a cut-price online stockbroking service next

If Yahoo! goes ahead with its UK share trading service it will face an intense battle with current online broking companies such as ShareLink City Deal and Stocktrade.



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6 Regular payment by bank

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20 Good Tudor Queen (4)

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service to Europe | Liberty chairman BY CHRISTINE BUCKLEY, INDUSTRIAL CORRESPONDENT

BRITISH AIRWAYS is work- on leisure travel but it is also ing on plans for a cheap, nofrills service for Europe in a move that would intensify the price war among airlines.

yet to fine any company for the

mis-selling itself, despite the

fact that many of the pensions were bought in the late 1980s, and the problems of mis-selling have been known

about for the last four years.

An overhaul of the disciplin-

ary process could also include

introducing greater powers to

fine companies. Another in-

consistency in the system was

revealed last week when the

Securities and Investments

Board (SIB), the chief city

watchdog, rebuked the Pru-

dential, the UK's biggest in-

surance company, for failing to tackle its mis-selling prob-

lems properly. Unlike other

life insurance companies regu-

lated by the PIA, the Pruden-

tial escaped a fine because SIB

The new super-regulator is

not expected to be fully opera-

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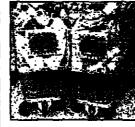
apply for jobs at NewRo and

no job losses are expected.

cannot impose fines.

BA has commissioned research on how a low-cost service would be received in a wide number of European destinations. Its emphasis is

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Currency markets weigh up Gordon Brown's Commons statement on European Monetary Union — will Britain join EMU?

Thursday J Sainsbury banks on narrowing the gap with Tesco in the superstores league

British Telecom counts the cost of its American ambitions and the windfall tax as it heads towards a second quarter loss

BA plans no-frills | Alliance opposes

BY MARTIN BARROW

BRIAN MYERSON, the South African investor, has joined forces with the Stewart-Liberty family to unseat Denis Cassidy as chairman of Liberty, the upmarket retailer, it emerged yesterday.

Mr Myerson's Concerto Capital Corporation, which speaks for 17 per cent, is supporting the family, with 27.2 per cent, in their call for an extraordinary meeting to remove Mr Cassidy.

The unexpected alliance is certain to raise eyebrows in the City. It was Mr Myerson who, in 1992, campaigned against the Stewart-Liberty family and the then archaic share structure.

On Friday Elizabeth Stewart-Liberty, the matriarch of

the family, requisitioned an extraordinary meeting to re-move Mr Cassidy and to seek the appointment of two new non-executive directors. These are Mr Myerson and Odile Griffith, who represents the

Stewart-Liberty family.
The move reflects concern at Liberty's ailing share price, unchanged at 305p on Friday against a 1996 high of 442 p, as the company embarks on a £40 million refit of the flagship Regent Street store in London.

The move is supported by Richard Stewart-Liberty and his brother Oliver, who were the last family members toserve as directors. Mr Cassidy will hold a board meeting this week to consider his next

Top chef and Granada put stock market on menu

Cook's tour de force

BY MARTIN WALLER

THE stock market, already formed a joint venture, MPW buffeted by last week's storms, should batten down Criterion, which includes Mr White's Criterion restaurant on Piccadilly, originally a collaboration with Forte, his the hatches for the arrival of an even fiercer typhoon, Mar-co Pierre White, celebrity chef, intends to float his joint Quo Vadis in Soho and the Mirabelle. He will be taking venture with Granada Group on culinary duties at seven within two years. Granada hotels.

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Granada this summer to in-

The man whose reputation Charles Allen, Granada's chief executive, wants to bring for rudeness and temper tantrums eclipses his fame in the diners back to the grand kitchen was brought in by hotels, which currently lack any reputation for culinary ject some flair into hotels excellence, and take trade acquired as part of last year's from upmarket restaurants. Forte takeover. The pair Mr White intends to take

the company public by selling shares as part of a flotation. His plans were contained in the memorandum of agreement signed with Granada in August, although his partner is be-lieved to favour a longer wait before going to market.

Mr White confirmed his intention to float but refused to comment further. He said: "I don't like your tone. There are lots of other people who are doing interesting things who I'm sure will give you a story. I'm a busy man."

